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*Bitzas To Switch Stance...*

## Vote On Plant Continues To Swirl About

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Agawam Town Councilor George Bitzas may be the deciding vote that may place a non-binding question on the November 7th ballot to poll public opinion on Berkshire Power's plan to build a power plant off Shoemaker Lane.

After a special meeting of Town Council on Monday, September 11th, Bitzas (who has voted against a ballot question twice) said he will support the ballot question requested on the initiative petition circulated by power plant opponents.

Bitzas said he would not support an amended version of the ballot question because he had pledged to give his support to the question signed by the people.

"As I have stated in the past, on the council floor, if the request comes from a legitimate number of people, I will support it," Bitzas said. "I always vote what my conscience tells me and what is in the best interest in our town and its people."

However, the council's actions may become a moot point if Mayor Christopher C. Johnson exercises his right to veto council approval of a ballot question.

Johnson said he has not yet made up his mind about how he will respond if the council approves a ballot question. Johnson said he has three options in dealing with actions taken by the council.

Johnson said he has 10 days in which to approve a council vote to place a question on the ballot, veto the council's approval, or take no action on the matter. Under the town's charter, if Johnson takes no action on a council vote within 10 days, the council's action is deemed to have been approved.

It would take a two-thirds majority (eight votes) of the council to override a mayoral veto.

### Caba Called Special Meeting

Councilor Edward Caba said he called the special meeting after his attempt to introduce a ballot question relative to Berkshire Power was tossed out by council President Nancy Thompson at the September 5th meeting. Ms. Thompson ruled the agenda item was out of order, and the council deadlocked on a vote to suspend the rules to allow Caba's proposal to remain on the agenda.

Caba said he called the special meeting because he wanted to be sure the resolution got on the agenda for the council's next meeting.

"I didn't know what kind of baloney they were going to pull," Caba said in reference to efforts to keep a non-binding question off the ballot this fall.

In order for the ballot question to be placed before the voters in the fall, the council will have to give its approval 35 days before the election. With meetings scheduled for September 18th and October 2nd, the council can meet the deadline for approving a ballot question. The deadline for approving a ballot question is October 3rd.

Two weeks ago, Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA) stopped gathering signatures on their initiative petition asking, "Should Berkshire Power be allowed to construct a power plant in Agawam that would use approximately 1.5 million gallons of drinking water per day, and release approximately 916,000 pounds of pollutants per year into the atmosphere of our town?"

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## Movement Afoot To Put Counselor Back At AHS

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

He's not her guidance counselor, but Agawam High School senior Rosemarie Oppedisano is determined to do whatever she can to get Alan Cohen back at the High School.

Teaming up with AHS 1994 graduate Joseph Willis, Rosemarie is gathering signatures on a petition asking the School Committee to reconsider the decision to reassign Cohen to the Junior High English Department and to hold a public hearing before taking a vote on the merits of the question.

So far, they have collected over 300 signatures attesting to Cohen's success as a guidance counselor. The petition says Cohen goes beyond the requirements of his job and is a friend to all students, not just those assigned to him. Cohen, says the petition, has been instrumental in keeping at-risk students from dropping out of school.

"Talking to Mr. Cohen is just like talking to a friend, not an authority figure," Rosemarie said. "And that's important to kids, especially the ones who have problems."

Furthermore, Cohen's work in arranging career assemblies for students to meet working professionals has benefitted all the students. "I was able to meet broadcasters from Channel 22 because of Mr. Cohen," Rosemarie said. "No one has ever bothered to do anything like that before."

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## Ryder To Retire As Superintendent Next August

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

He had originally agreed to come on board for three years, but decided to stay for one more year. At Tuesday night's School Committee meeting, Bernard F. Ryder made it official. Entering his 40th year as an educator, Ryder announced he will retire on August 31, 1996.

Ryder told the committee his letter of resignation has been on his desk for a year-and-a-half, but he could not find the right time to complete it.

"You don't want to do it right before or after an election, or during budget problems or when students are appealing for their teacher," Ryder said. "There was never a right time."

Ryder said he will make a presentation at the June School Committee meeting detailing the highlights and the challenges he's faced in Agawam.

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson accepted Ryder's announcement "with regret."

Johnson said the committee looked forward to working with Ryder during the school year and pledged to make Ryder's coming year Ryder's "best year in Agawam."

Although he will end his career as a school superintendent in August, Ryder is hoping for one more year as an educator.

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## First Day Of School A Big Day



WAITING FOR THE SCHOOL BUS LAST WEDNESDAY at the corner of Main and Charles Street on the first day of school were, from left - Heather Bargaen, Jed Hall, Jake Swinicki, and Jordan Buiso. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.





BERNARD F. RYDER

## RYDER - from Page 1...

After his retirement, Ryder said he would like one more year doing what he enjoys most: teaching math to junior high or high school students.

At their annual back to school assembly, Ryder told teachers he would like to conclude his career in education as he began, "having the same enjoyment you have in the classroom each day."

Ryder described his job as a superintendent as three percent educator and 97 percent businessman. As the superintendent in Dover, New Hampshire, Ryder maintained his ties to the classroom teaching math at the high school and teaching on the graduate level.

"Whatever I did, I found it enjoyable going to work and found the most satisfaction every day that I could do something good for someone," Ryder said.

Ryder spent nine years as a classroom teacher, five as a high school principal, and is beginning his 26th year as a school superintendent.

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## SWIRLING ABOUT - from Page 1...

CCBA spokesman Kenneth Forni said the group had collected about 2,000 signatures when they learned that their petition had been ruled defective by the office of the Secretary of State on a technicality (thereby nullifying it).

Forni said he feels town officials should have "walked us through" the process of what procedures to follow. "I would hope no information was deliberately withheld," Forni said. "These are our elected officials and whether they think we're wrong or not, they should lead us by the hand because that's their job."

Berkshire Power Project Manager Kenneth Roberts said his company will continue moving ahead with the permitting process whether or not there is a referendum on the proposal.

"We'll just be disappointed that we will have to spend our money fighting the ballot question rather than in the community."

## A Favorable Response Of 70 Percent

BP spokesman Kevin O'Reilly said they have received a 70 percent favorable response to a direct mailing sent to every residence and business in Agawam. O'Reilly said many of the response cards support their project without iden-

tifying a reason, and many cards include requests for information on employment opportunities.

Roberts said he has already received at least a dozen resumes and has spoken to job applicants from Agawam who are well-qualified to fill positions when the plant is built.

Forni said he would submit the signatures his group has gathered to the council before the next council meeting.

"This all started on June 5th when Councilor Robert Danie said there were generously 40 people who wanted the ballot question," Forni said. "That's pretty good to go from 40 to 2,000 people with very little advertising. We just hope the councilors see the reality that this is a big issue in the town."

Ms. Thompson reiterated her position against the ballot question. "I believe this sets a negative precedent for businesses looking to relocate to Agawam and for businesses looking to expand," Ms. Thompson said. "There is a two-year process to follow with all the town boards and state agencies."

Ms. Thompson said the council has received a letter from the Agawam Chamber of Commerce asking the council to maintain its position against the ballot question.

## AHS COUNSELOR - from Page 1...

Several other students and parents, including the co-chairwomen of the high school PTO, pleaded their case for Cohen's reinstatement at Tuesday's School Committee meeting.

Calling Cohen the real-life counterpart to the teacher portrayed in *To Sir With Love*, Joann McGeoghan urged that Cohen be returned to the High School where "some kids say they can't make it without him."

"You have pulled out one of the foundation blocks from that High School," Mrs. McGeoghan said. "And right now that foundation is really weak."

## School Committee Has No Authority...

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson said the committee has no authority to send Cohen back to the High School.

"Under Education Reform, the School Committee does not hire, fire, discipline, reassign, demote, or promote teachers," Johnson said.

Cohen has been assigned to teach English at

the Junior High after being "bumped" from his position at the High School when the Guidance Department was eliminated at the Middle School. Under the rules of the union contract, Middle School counselor Thomas Dacey was able to remain in the Guidance Department by bumping a counselor with less seniority.

Cohen said he hoped the School Committee would do the right thing and "put Tom back at the Middle School where he belongs doing the work he does best, and put me back at the High School doing the work I do best."

By eliminating the Guidance Department at the Middle School, the committee saved about \$60,000 during their budget deliberations in May.

Johnson said in order for the position of Middle School guidance counselor to be reinstated, "there would have to be appropriate cuts in the budget of \$42,000 to \$43,000."

Dacey currently spends two days a week providing services at the Middle School, and three days a week as the guidance counselor for the ninth graders.

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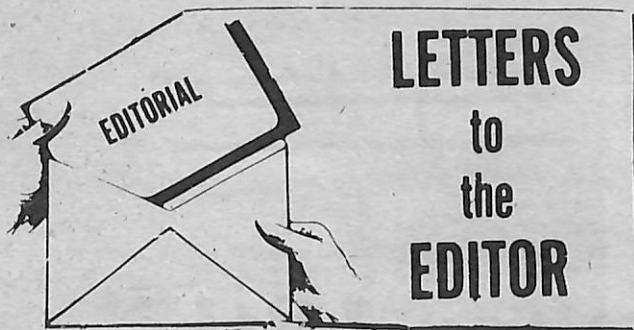
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## Agawam Veterans' Council Gets \$100 Donation

### To The Editor:

This week, we received a telephone call from Mrs. Barbara Kupec, Treasurer for the Feeding Hills Women's Club, advising us that after 69 years, the club is disbanding. Members of the club decided to donate the balance of their treasury towards the Agawam Honor Roll planned for the Veterans' Green.

The Agawam Veterans' Council extends their sincere appreciation to Club President Barbara Swanson, Barbara Kupec, and all members of the Feeding Hills Women's Club for their thoughtful donation of \$100 toward our Honor Roll Project. Donations such as yours will help preserve the history of Agawam veterans who served our country during war time.

Sincerely,  
Ruth Bitzas, Secretary  
Agawam Veterans' Council

## School Nurses Thank Agawam Lions For Their Generosity

### To The Editor:

#### Dear Mr. Loomis & Lions Club Members:

The nurses in the Agawam School System would like to thank you for providing us with the following equipment:

1. Seven Diatek electronic thermometers, enabling us to take temperatures more accurately, quickly, and safely.
2. Five blood pressure cuffs and stethoscopes replacing tired ones of 20 years.
3. Seven *Physician's Desk References* used to identify the everchanging medications frequently given in school.

We are extremely grateful for your continued generosity to us and our town's schoolchildren.

Sincerely yours,  
Catherine Hallaman, R.N., AHS  
Mary McEwan, R.N., AJHS  
Hilda Bartnik, R.N., Middle School  
Donna Markowski, R.N., Robinson Park & Phelps Schools  
Pamela Lynch, R.N., Granger & Clark Schools

## Appreciation Expressed By Operation Friendship Of F.H.

### To The Editor:

In July, the Feeding Hills chapter of Operation Friendship welcomed a student exchange group from Cardiff, Wales. Thanks to the generosity of all who support our fundraisers during the year and the support of local businesses, we were able to offer our guests a tour schedule sampling the best of what New England has to offer.

From camping at the Rhode Island shore to walking the Freedom Trail in Boston to a bird's eye view of Manhattan atop the World Trade Center, all of our activities were made possible by the support of our friends in Agawam and throughout Western Massachusetts.

A special thanks to the U.S. Post Office for a tour of its Agawam branch and to Mayor Christopher C. Johnson for taking our group on a tour of Town Hall. Also, our thanks to APD Sergeant Steven Draghetti for taking us on a tour of the police station and giving both Welsh and American teens a view of police work from the inside out.

To the following businesses, our sincerest thanks and gratitude:

Fran's Restaurant, Agawam Food Mart, Costco, Big Y, Sarat Ford, J.J. Nissan Company, Hallmark Cards of Enfield, H.P. Hood, Mt. Tom Ski Area and Summerslide, and Wisniewski Farms.

Also, hats off to Jack Devine of *The Agawam Advertiser News* for covering our monthly roast beef dinners at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church and to publisher Ric Sardella for his assistance with publicity.

Sincerely,  
Operation Friendship  
Feeding Hills

## Five Councilors Have Ignored Basic Principles Of Democracy

### To The Editor:

What I saw on public TV Tuesday night (September 5, 1995) was a "comical horror show."

The Agawam Town Council in action—a travesty of five elected officials ignoring the basic principles of democracy under the guise of a technicality.

The Town Council regulations allowed the Council to suspend the provisions of this frivolous rule as it related to this matter. However, five out of 10 elected officials chose not to do so. Therefore, the item withdrawn was the "non-binding" referendum question concerning the building of a power plant in Agawam. They did it again.

I have this event on videotape for all to see, if they do not believe. The following five "councilors" that evening postulated that it was not proper to solicit the citizens' opinion on the power plant using the following logic:

Nancy Thompson - "There was no documentation of any kind submitted by Mr. Caba, so I am going to withdraw this question."

Robert Danie - "We should vote to uphold the integrity of the rules."

Vivian Dziardziel - "We have to uphold the integrity of the rules."

James Taylor - "Now the rules are not being followed when it was put on our agenda again."

George Bitzas - Did not explain his reasoning. "Integrity" of the rules? "Councilors," give me a break. How about the integrity of an elected official to seek the opinion of the town residents?

I cannot speak for anyone else, but I guarantee you this: I will not vote for any of these five "councilors" come Election Day on November 7th. I know that many others feel the same way that I do.

Furthermore, I sincerely hope that my vote is the deciding vote that each and every one of them lose by. These five "councilors" belie the office that they hold.

Michael Del Negro  
Agawam resident

## Agawam Soccer Team Thanks Fundraising Contributors

### To The Editor:

The Agawam Sidekickers soccer team would like to thank the many contributors who helped them raise funds for their soccer accessories for the upcoming year.

The overwhelming response made it possible for the girls to get new, personalized jackets and soccer bags.

Again, thank you all.

The Agawam Sidekickers

## Council Mtg. Agenda For September 18th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 9/5/95
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances  
None.
7. Report of Council Committees  
None.
8. Elections  
None.
9. Public Hearings  
None.
10. Old Business  
(a)  
1. TO-95-38-Application to amend - Class II Dealer License, Agawam Tire & Auto Service Center, Inc. d/b/a The Car Connection, 820 Spfld. St. (Coun. Bitzas).
2. TO-95-40-Voucher List (\$76.80).

## State Representative Keenan Announces Council On Aging Grant For Town Of Agawam

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has announced that the Agawam Council on Aging will receive \$17,130 in grant funds to help defray administrative and personnel costs at the Agawam Senior Center. The grant will be used to employ a van driver, newsletter coordinator, reimburse mileage costs, and provide for volunteer recognition, dues, printing, conference/meeting attendance, and office supplies.

"These grants help to augment the existing programs at the senior center," said Rep. Keenan. "I shall continue to advocate for these funds and for the needs of our elders, so that these truly are their 'golden years.'"

The grants, administered through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, are based on the population figures from the most recent federal censuses (1990) at a rate of \$3.20 per elder. Councils on Aging are eligible for a minimum grant award of \$1,000, regardless of the number of seniors.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Monday, September 18th  
Ag./West Side La Leche League mtg.  
At Grace Lutheran Church,  
1552 Westfield St., West Springfield  
7:30 p.m.  
Call 736-3238 or 739-7923 for more info

Tuesday, September 19th  
Agawam Junior Women's Club  
At Captain Leonard House, Agawam  
7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 21st  
Agawam High School's Back-To-School  
Dance (sponsored by the school's  
Interact Student Government)  
At AHS from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.  
Tickets: \$5 each (available during  
lunch at AHS until Wed., Sept. 20th)

Monday, September 25th  
Ag./Feeding Hills AARP Chapter mtg.  
At Agawam Senior Center  
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# WWII 50th Anniversary... Effects Of The War On Schools & Students

by Ruth Blitzas, Veterans' Agent

Veterans' Day, November 11, 1995, will mark the end of the commemorative period celebrating the end of World War II. As part of the many commemorative events held to honor all World War II veterans, I would like to share with you over the next several weeks excerpts from some of our School Committee Reports written during the war years.

These reports were provided by 50th Anniversary Committee member Lou Draghetti, who proudly served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. The first report was written by BENJAMIN J. PHELPS, Superintendent of Schools, to the School Committee and the Citizens of Agawam.

"It is my practice to write the school report around some central theme which is characteristic of the day. That theme today is War: and the school report of 1941 is written on the topic, 'Education and the Impetus of War.'"

## DEMOCRACY

Democracy has been the keynote of about all of the wars in our history: the freedom of the colonies; the freedom of the seas; the freedom of the slaves; and the freedom from all future wars, come to mind at once. Our country fought to make the world safe for democracy in 1917 in the first World War. That goal was not achieved, and today we find that democracy is fighting for its existence against totalitarian states, which seek to enslave the individual. This war has brought it to pass, that in our schools we have appraised our democracy from its very inception until the present time. Our Constitution, our Bill of Rights, and our patriots, as never before, have been studied; and the priceless value of our form of government has been brought home to our pupils. In the face of impending danger, their form of government seems no longer something abstract and remote; they are conscious of the fact that it is a part of their very fiber, and they are ready to defend it.

## PUPILS

Just as war propounds the question, what is a state for?, so also war brings home to the individual the question, what am I for?—what am I here in school for? Life for the junior-senior high

school pupils takes on a more serious turn. This fact is confirmed by the decrease in retardation throughout all grades in the school and by the increase in the length of our honor rolls, which at the present writing are the best of the past decade...

## METHODS

There never was a time in the history of education in our country when theory and practice were so near to agreement. Before the outbreak of the war, our pupils in many of their studies were separated by great gaps of imperfect realization from the textbooks they had to read and study. The remote places of the world are with us night and day, in the newspapers, and on the radio. The source and supply of gasoline, rubber, tin, and iron take on a new meaning when their scarcity threatens to remove the automobile from our highways, and their supply may mean the difference between a world run on democratic principles and a world under the heel of a dictator.

Sound waves and light waves, blackouts and gases, are no longer the pet trick of the science teacher, their meaning is written on the faces of each and everyone of our pupils. The heavens above the earth, and the sea beneath, are measured and mapped by instruments of death: instruments which in the near future must be manned by the graduates of our schools. Mathematics may yet decide our fate. Man's inhumanity to man has been read and recited in our English classes on countless occasions, but never so clearly defined in its brutal meaning as it is by the events of the present war. Our teachers have not been slow to grasp this situation. They are awake to the possibilities in learning which are inherent in the quickened interest of all in geography, social science, physical science, and the humanities.

## WAR INCIDENTALS

Taxes: The Federal government has found it necessary to raise huge sums by taxation, and has included in its tax ratables a tax on all income derived from intra- and extra-curricular activities. This situation has decreased our school funds

and threatens to make financing of our activity programs a serious problem.

War Stamps: The principals and teachers in all the grades and classes are encouraging the pupils to purchase war saving stamps: the pupils are responding with enthusiasm. At last, we have found a plan for school savings which may teach sound principles of thrift.

The Junior Red Cross: It is gratifying to report that there is 100 percent enrollment this year in Junior Red Cross ... The Junior Red Cross provides a satisfactory background for bringing our young folks into activities connected with war work. Through this agency they, too, can do their bit.

Civilian Defense: The spectre of this war looms in every classroom. The ears of the pupils and teachers are alert to catch the dreaded air raid signal. Air raid wardens are appointed and air raid shelters are selected. Although suspense is in the air, yet the aim is to defeat surprise attacks by adequate preparations for defense. In this picture, there is no place for confusion. It is a pleasure to report that cooperation in all places and under all circumstances is predominant.

## CONCLUSION

The administration and conduct of public education is an important and essential public service in times of war as well as in times of peace ... The maintenance of morale in our schools is of supreme importance. There is every indication that the present war will not end before it has brought into active service on far flung fronts many who are now enrolled in our senior high school courses. We must make the schools count in their favor. There is room for belief that we will meet these problems and carry on successfully: for we are all conscripted body and soul in this war, from the youngest to the oldest, all grades, all graduates, all citizens."

As we read some of the writings of Benjamin Phelps, it gives us some insight as to his character and deep, heartfelt feelings, I'm not surprised that our town named a school after him.

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## Agawam Police ARREST BLOTTER

Sept. 1st To Sept. 10th

On Friday, September 1st, **Rene Mannerio, 35**, of 65 Clyde Street, West Springfield, was arrested for shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

On Friday, September 1st, **Warren A. Marshall, 37**, of 85 Franklin Street, Westfield, was arrested for assault and battery by a dangerous weapon.

On Friday, September 1st, **Laurie J. Johnson, 38**, of 132 East Main Street, Rockville, Connecticut, was arrested for being a disorderly person and for bail or recognizance violation (East Longmeadow).

On Friday, September 1st, **Joshua D. Markey, 17**, of 13 Gem Grove, Enfield, was arrested for illegal possession of a Class C substance.

On Saturday, September 2nd, **Debra Cassillas, 35**, of 731 Union Street, West Springfield, was arrested for illegal possession of a Class D substance.

On Sunday, September 3rd, **Lisa M. Lemieux, 27**, of 22 Bliss Street, West Springfield, was arrested for illegal possession of a Class B substance.

On Sunday, September 3rd, **Scott A. Vogus, 24**, of 104 3rd Street, Sublette, Illinois, was arrested for unarmed robbery.

On Monday, September 4th, **George L. Pelchat, 38**, of 873 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested for assault and battery and for domestic assault and battery.

On Tuesday, September 5th, **John P. Tarka, 45**, of 16 Debra Lane, Agawam, was arrested for domestic assault and battery.

On Friday, September 8th, **Timothy E. Haney, 21**, of 158 Warrenton Street, Springfield, was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

On Friday, September 8th, **James A. Houghton, 31**, of 294 Harkness Avenue, Springfield, was arrested on Ramah Circle on outstanding warrants.

On Friday, September 8th, **Brian S. Coffey, 21**, of 296 Falley Drive, Westfield, was arrested for larceny of property (\$250 or less).

On Friday, September 8th, **Denise R. Cadieux, 27**, of 97 Moore Street 2nd, Agawam, was arrested on Walnut Street for illegal possession of a Class D substance.

On Friday, September 8th, **Allan G. Jenkins, 19**, of 201 Adams Street, Agawam, was arrested for night-time breaking and entering - intent to commit a felony.

On Saturday, September 9th, **Jessica L. Tildon, 18**, of 40 Kathy Terrace, Feeding Hills, was arrested on Walnut Street for the illegal possession of a Class D substance; and for possession of a Class D substance with the intent to distribute, MFG, or cultivate.

On Saturday, September 9th, **Sean M. Pirnie, 18**, of 91 Robin Ridge Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested on Walnut Street for possession of a Class D substance; and for the possession of a Class D substance with the intent to distribute, MFG, or cultivate.

On Saturday, September 9th, **Robert A. Christian, 18**, of 775 Springfield Street 2nd, Feeding Hills, was arrested for being a disorderly person.

On Saturday, September 9th, **Christopher C. Jarvis, 23**, of 33 Woodvine Road Apt. 2, Natick, Mass., was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor.

On Saturday, September 9th, **David D. Rossi, Jr., 17**, of 758 Westfield Street, West Springfield, was arrested for assault and battery and for wanton destruction of property (over \$250).

On Sunday, September 10th, **Juan Luis Enriquez, 37**, of 34 Franklin Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested for assault and battery.

THERE WERE SIX JUVENILE ARRESTS FROM SEPTEMBER 1ST TO SEPTEMBER 10TH, TWO OF WHICH WERE ON PINEVIEW CIRCLE, AGAWAM.

## Police Dept. Hopes "Crimewatch" Will Keep Watch On Neighborhoods

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Fed up with an increase in break-ins and larcenies in their neighborhood, a group of residents of Pineview Circle and Cottonwood Lane are determined to take back their town.

About 50 people met with Agawam Police Department Safety Officer, Sergeant Steven Draghetti, in August and formed a Crimewatch for their neighborhood.

Draghetti confirmed that the Police Department is aware of a substantial increase in storage sheds and garages being broken into, and the theft of gardening equipment and bicycles in the Pineview and Cottonwood area.

Draghetti said, "It appears to be someone from the neighborhood and appears to be isolated to the neighborhood."

As part of the Crimewatch solution to creating safer neighborhoods, residents learn to recognize suspicious behavior and develop strategies for watching out for their neighbors.

Since his meeting with the residents, Draghetti said the department has gotten more calls from people reporting suspicious activity in the neighborhood. Often people are reluctant to call the police because they don't know what to report and think they may be bothering the police. However, nothing could be further from the truth, he noted.

"That's the whole purpose of having a police department," Draghetti said.

With the town divided into four patrol districts with one patrol car for each, it's impossible for the

police officers to get to know which cars belong in the neighborhood, who is on vacation, or when people are at work, but the neighbors usually do, according to him.

"If you see someone in your neighbor's backyard and you know they're on vacation, that would be suspicious to you. If an officer sees a couple of teens in the yard, he's not going to think anything of it."

Crimewatch serves as a networking device for neighbors to put together solutions to the problems specific to their own neighborhood.

Last year, a Crimewatch group formed to protect themselves from bicycle thefts in the River Road area. Draghetti said 12, 13, and 14 year-olds who had been dropped off at Riverside finding themselves without transportation home were stealing bikes and pedaling to Springfield, West Springfield, and Holyoke.

"If people care about their neighborhood, they will be looking for each other, knowing their neighbor is doing the same for them," Draghetti said.

In addition to conducting Crimewatch training for residents, Draghetti has put together a packet of information for local businesses on crime prevention.

At Crimewatch sessions, residents are urged to call 911 for emergency situations, and to call the police department's main number (786-4767) for more routine questions.

## Fire Wise

by Fire Chief David Pisano

### If Your Clothing Catches Fire, Be Sure To Stop, Drop & Roll!

All clothing can burn and some clothing burns more easily than others. The Agawam Fire Department recommends that if your clothing catches fire, STOP, DROP AND ROLL to put out the flames.

Don't run or keep standing. Running will only fan the flames and make them higher. Standing up straight will make the fire burn faster. STOP AND DROP down to the floor or ground. ROLL or rock back and forth to smother the flames.

Smothering the fire cuts off its supply of oxygen so it cannot burn. If possible, roll or rock in a rug, blanket, or coat to smother the fire faster. Attempt to cover your face with your hands to keep the fire away from your face.

When the fire is out, cool the burn with water and call the fire department at 911. Do not remove the burned clothing if it is stuck to the skin. Keep the victim quiet and warm until help arrives.

The fatal mistake people make in a clothing fire is to panic and run. Seconds count. The smothering action must be automatic. A trained, immediate response of STOP, DROP AND ROLL is extremely important. The running response occurs in all age groups, but it is prevalent in

younger children. Scared children run to find parents or mistakenly think that only water can put out a fire and they run to find it.

Everyone, especially children, must be taught to STOP, DROP AND ROLL. Parents and teachers should encourage children to practice by making a weekly game of it. Make sure that they understand when and where to use this technique.

Most clothing fires are careless accidents and can be prevented. Follow these simple rules:

- \* Purchase clothing made with a smooth, tight weave. Fuzzy, lightweight, loosely woven or loose-fitting fabric will ignite and burn much easier.

- \* Use caution when using or working with any heat sources or flames.

- \* By law, children's sleepwear must be flame-retardant at time of purchase (available in sizes up to 6X). However, the washing and care instructions must be followed to maintain the fire-retardant feature.

- \* Keep children away from heat sources such as candles, stoves, cigarettes, outdoor grills, matches, portable heaters, etc.

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## Looking Back...

by David Gallano  
Agawam Historian



### September 1974

#### SEPTEMBER 20th - YEAR-LONG JOBS FOR CRAFTSMEN OPEN IN AGAWAM

Six positions remain open under the town's Emergency Employment Act (EEA) for skilled carpenters, masons, electricians, and plumbers that the town has so far been unable to fill.

Town Manager James D. Westman said the extended vacancies pose a mystery to him, since it is his impression from talking to builders in the local housing industry that many skilled laborers may presently be unemployed.

Money totaling \$47,190 was announced in July under the federally funded EEA to hire six to eight people, mostly in this area of maintenance work.

Westman said he had no idea where these laid-off people are working now, if they are at all, "But for some strange reason, we aren't getting the applicants here."

#### SEPTEMBER 23rd - AGAWAM BANK HOLDUP TRIAL OPENS

The trial of a 25 year-old Springfield man, who is accused of robbing the Agawam branch of the Westfield Savings Bank and then escaping on a 10-speed bicycle, began today in Hampden County Superior Court.

Gregory A. Collier of 73 Ingersoll Grove is accused in an indictment of armed robbery while masked and disguised. The indictment alleges that on May 23rd, he robbed the Agawam branch bank of \$7,360.

District Attorney Matthew J. Ryan, Jr. said a man with a nylon stocking pulled over his head entered the bank about 2:15 p.m. May 23rd, had money put in a bag, and left through a rear door.

The DA said that at Main and Elm Streets in Agawam, Patrolman James Franz, who was off duty at the time, observed a man discard a 10-speed bike and run to a car. Ryan said Franz followed the car because of the man's "peculiar" actions. He got the car registration number, too, the prosecutor added.

According to Ryan, Collier went to the Springfield Plaza, where he cashed a check at a bank and bought some pantyhose. Ryan said that the thief wore a nylon mask similar to pantyhose.

#### SEPTEMBER 23rd - NEW CONTRACT FOR POLICE GRANTS PAY BOOST

Police and town officials have negotiated a new two-year contract calling for a salary hike of 15 percent.

The new contract, effective July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1976, means about an eight percent salary increase for officers in the first year and another seven percent hike the second year.

The hike will mean that a patrolman, Step 5, will be making an annual salary of \$10,400 or about \$200 a week compared to the previous \$184.40.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, SEPT. 28, 1995, at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of CAROL WHITEHEAD who is seeking a Variance in accordance with Section 180-25, Paragraph A of the Zoning Ordinances which would allow for the construction of a porch with less than the required setback at the premises identified as 39 HENRY STREET.

Ronald A. Hebert  
Chairman

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## Volunteers Needed To Conduct Street Tree Inventory In Agawam

As part of a pilot project to inventory street trees in Massachusetts' communities, the University of Massachusetts this fall will coordinate a survey of street trees in two local communities, enlisting the assistance of community volunteers.

Agawam and the McKnight and South End Neighborhoods of Springfield have been selected for the survey. The project's goal is to assist Massachusetts' communities in developing more effective management strategies for their urban forests, street trees, and urban ecosystems.

In Agawam, the Agawam Beautification Committee is seeking approximately 30 volunteers to inventory street trees along 13 miles of town streets. The inventory information will then be placed on the Town's Geographic Information System (GIS) which will graphically display where each tree is located and will be updated when trees are removed and/or planted.

Project coordinator David Bloniarz will provide volunteers with hands-on training in street tree identification, map reading, urban forest health, and identification of hazardous trees. Mr. Bloniarz states that with such complete training, volunteers should consider the inventory as pleasant as "a walk in the park."

Springfield and Agawam are only the second and third Massachusetts communities to be included in the Massachusetts Urban Forest

Management Project, and are among the first communities in the country to utilize community volunteers in the development of a computerized GIS inventory of their "urban forest." Last year, 100 Brookline residents took part in an inventory of their city in which over 11,000 trees were surveyed.

Bloniarz explains, "Springfield and Agawam are good testing grounds for developing grass-roots, community-based programs that seek to improve the quality of life for residents. There is an opportunity here for residents to become part of the process of managing the places in which they live, improve the quality of their neighborhoods, and to participate in a program in which they receive direct benefits. Residents are the stakeholders in a community, and have the most to gain or lose from the quality of their neighborhood ecosystems."

Deborah Dachos, Agawam Director of Planning and Community Development, states that she is still seeking volunteers. The time commitment for each volunteer will be an evening training session to be held on September 26, 1995 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and a full day on Saturday, October 14, 1995 at which time the inventory will be conducted.

Agawam residents wishing to volunteer should call 786-0400, extension 283.



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## Obituaries

### Robert Rushby

Robert Rushby, 61, of 89 Homer Street, Feeding Hills, an employee of the Highway Department for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for several years, died in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He retired in 1990. He also was a machinist at O-A Inc. in Agawam for 24 years. He was born in Springfield and was a lifelong resident of Agawam. He was a veteran of the Army.

He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association and the Allen Bird Club. He also was a former member of the Agawam Bowman's Club, the Agawam Revolver Club, and the Local Teamsters 285.

He leaves his wife, the former Carole A. Bessett; a son, Rene of Indian Orchard; two daughters, Robin L. Rushby of West Springfield and Renee D. Rushby of Feeding Hills; two brothers, Ronald of West Springfield and Roland of South Glastonbury, Connecticut; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, and burial was in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts, 393 Maple St., Springfield 01105 or to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham 01701-4688.

### Evelyn C. Lavalette

Evelyn C. (Augusti) Lavalette, 76, of 67 Spencer St., Agawam, the first assistant register of the Hampden County Probate Court, died in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She retired in 1984 with 48 years of service in the court office. Born and raised in Springfield, she also lived in West Springfield and was educated in local schools there.

She lived in Agawam for more than 50 years and was a member of the Agawam Senior Center and the American Association for Retired Persons.

She was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church and belonged to its Ladies St. Anne's Sodality.

She leaves her husband of 52 years, Francis Lavalette; three sisters, Marina Versiglioni of West Springfield and Elvina Alberghini and Anna Principe, both of Springfield; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

### Jeannette A. Dintzner

Jeannette A. (White) Dintzner, 66, of 970 Springfield St., Feeding Hills died in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was the former owner of White's Cabins, a family business for many generations, in Feeding Hills, now run by her son. She was the office manager for more than 10 years at Feeding Hills Oil and Gas Co. and retired in 1982.

Previously, she was employed by the former Kimball Container Co. in Agawam and Strathmore Paper Co.

Born in Agawam, she lived here all her life and was the sixth generation to live at the family homestead.

She was a graduate of Agawam High School. She belonged to the Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills.

She leaves a son, Mark of Feeding Hills; a brother, Clair White of Belchertown; two sisters, Dora M. Birchall of Feeding Hills and Norma F. Sinoco of Fort Meyers, Florida; two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral was at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 152 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills, 01030.

### Edwin G. Hamilton

Edwin G. Hamilton, 74, of 259 Adams Street, Agawam, died at home.

He was a former truck driver and worked at the Baker Supply Co. in Springfield before his retirement several years ago.

Born and educated in Springfield, he lived 30 years in Agawam, and was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the Adriatic Club in Springfield.

He leaves five sisters, Hazel J. Brenner of Middlefield, Barbara Brenner and Elizabeth Hamilton, both of Springfield, Dorothy Boyer of Wilbraham, and Virginia Letendre of Monson; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral and burial were private and at the convenience of the family. Colonial Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

### Karen M. Noack

Karen M. (Nichols) Noack, 28, of 34 Seymour Avenue, Agawam, died in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center.

She was a secretary in the office of Dr. Peter Demos in Springfield.

Born in the city, she was a graduate of Easthampton High School.

She lived in Agawam for the past year, and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Springfield.

She leaves her husband, Mark Noack; a son, Zachary, at home; her parents, Walter C. Jr. and Beverly J. (Hauff) Nichols; a brother, Joseph M.; two sisters, Kristina L. Nichols and Katherine J. Nichols, all of Easthampton; her maternal grandparents, Earl R. and Jeanne (Warren) Hauff; and her paternal grandparents, Walter C. and Katherine Miller Nichols of Springfield.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

### Patricia A. Stacy

Patricia A. (Staples) Stacy, 59, of 83 Valley Brook Road, Feeding Hills, died in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center. Born in South Portland, Maine, she attended schools in Maine and Massachusetts, and lived here for the past 17 years.

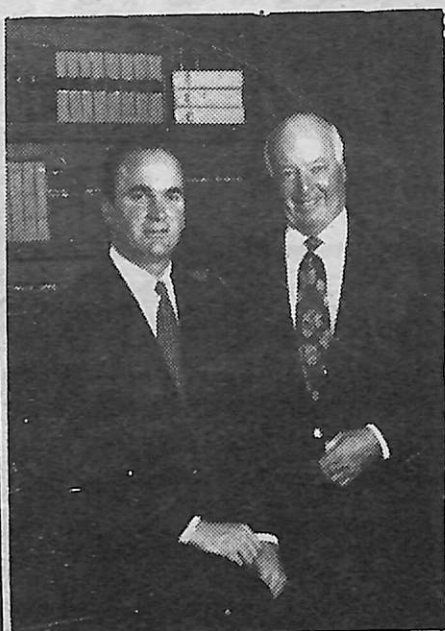
She attended the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, and was a former parishioner of the Second Congregational Church in Holyoke. She was active in community theater, and performed throughout the area with her husband, John M. Stacy, Jr.

She also leaves four sons, John M. 3rd of Bridgewater, Robert H. and Richard F. of Westfield, and Steven M. of Northampton; a brother, William of Gardiner, Maine, and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 393 Maple St., Springfield, 01105.

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## OBITUARIES - from Page 8...

## Leatrice Wojciechowski

Leatrice J. (Hawker) Wojciechowski, 68, of 17 Deering St., Agawam, died in a local nursing home. She was a retired seamstress at Standard Uniform Co., and retired in 1990.

Born in Amsterdam, New York, she attended schools there. She settled in Agawam 40 years ago, and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

Her husband, Stanley J. Wojciechowski, died in 1983. She leaves a son, Kevin M., and a daughter, Barbara A. Wojciechowski, both at home. The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home, and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association of the Pioneer Valley, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield 01102-9058.

## Memorial Service To Be Held This Sunday For Barbara Hodges

The Memorial Service for Barbara M. (Hollis) Hodges will be held on Sunday, September 17, 1995, at 3:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church. There will be a collation immediately following the Memorial Service in the Fellowship Hall.

Barbara was a long-time member of the Agawam Congregational Church and was very active on many committees, including the Ladies Aid Society and the Merriweds Group. She volunteered at the Agawam Public Library for many years, and was also a volunteer at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA.

## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM  
BOARD OF APPEALS

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Ronald A. Hebert  
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## Nancy E. Thompson To Run For Reelection To Ag. City Council

Nancy E. Thompson has announced that she will seek a third term on the Agawam City Council. Ms. Thompson, who was first elected to the Agawam City Council in 1991, currently serves as President of the Council.

Councilor Thompson has issued the following statement:

"It has been my privilege to serve the citizens of Agawam as their City Councilor. We have seen much progress and many positive changes for Agawam. The difficult economic times in which we live along with the many societal changes, make public service a challenging endeavor.

"I believe my professional and issues-oriented work as a City Councilor here in Agawam has contributed in a positive way to moving Agawam forward. With the continued support of Agawam citizens, I look forward to continuing to contribute to shaping the community of Agawam."

Ms. Thompson, a registered nurse, received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Massachusetts/Amherst. She is a supervisor of clinical services at the Visiting Nurse and Home Care of Manchester, Manchester, Connecticut.

Councilor Thompson is also the Chairperson of Women Elected Municipal Officials and Vice-President of the Massachusetts Municipal Councilors Association, both affiliates of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. She served as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of the Agawam City Council and as a member of the Council's Licensing Committee and the School Budget Sub-committee. She served for eight years on the Agawam Council on Aging and was elected Chairperson in her last term.

Ms. Thompson is a member of Friends of the Agawam Senior Center and was one of the founders of this organization, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. She attends Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, where she is a Eucharistic Minister and Lector.

## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM  
AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 2, 1995 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on a Class II Dealer License for Agawam Car Care, 1 River Road, Agawam, MA.

Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of the Council

Published: September 14, 1995



NANCY E. THOMPSON

## Agawam Democrats Plan Breakfast For Sunday, October 22nd

The Agawam Democratic Committee is pleased to announce its annual breakfast, to be held on Sunday, October 22, 1995, at Betty's Old Towne House, 288 Walnut Street, Agawam.

The breakfast will begin at 10:00 a.m., to be followed by featured speakers and by the posthumous award in memory of Ray Charest for his lifetime of service to the Democratic Party and to Agawam.

Tickets are \$15 per person and may be obtained from members of the Agawam Democratic Committee. For more information, call Joanne Willis at 789-1360 or Ron Hebert at 786-4962.

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IN PHOTO LEFT, the sons of the late Raymond E. Charest, a long-time civic and political leader in the community, sit on the new memorial bench in their father's name on the first tee at the Agawam Country Club. The sons of Ray Charest (from left) are Donald, Robert, and Leonard. Looking on are Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and Barbara Dunn, chairwoman of the Democratic Town Committee. IN PHOTO RIGHT members of the family pose behind the bench - Robert, Donald, Barbara (Donald's wife), David (grandson), Donna (granddaughter), and Leonard. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Democratic Comm. Donates Bench In Tribute To Ray Charest

The Agawam Democratic Committee recently donated a memorial bench in tribute to the late Raymond E. Charest for his unstinting work on behalf of the Democratic Party and candidates and for his public service on behalf of the Town of Agawam.

The bench, located at the first tee of the Agawam Country Club, is a fitting memorial to Ray who loved the game of golf and was one of the founders of the senior league at the club. The Agawam Golf Commission worked closely with the Agawam Democratic Committee to install the bench.

Members of the Charest family were on hand to join in the dedication. They included Ray's three sons: Don, with his wife, Barbara, and their two children; Len, and Bob. Representing the Democratic Committee were members Barbara Dunn, chairperson, Ron Hebert, treasurer, Joanne Willis, secretary, City Councilors Thomas Ennis

and Edward Caba, Doug Bodman, and David Modzeleski. Mayor Christopher C. Johnson represented the Golf Commission.

Ray Charest was widely respected and well-loved for all his work in the community. Ray served as a member and chairperson of the Agawam Planning Board, was a member of the Agawam School Committee, the Board of Selectmen, the Agawam Housing Authority, the Charter Commission, four different school building committees, the Senior Center building committee, the Police Station building committee, where he also served as Clerk of the Works, the Agawam Board of Registrars, and the Blue Ribbon Committee.

Ray was a notary public and served on St. John's Church Council, was a member of the Agawam Lions Club and the Elks and the Agawam Knights of Columbus. He received the Agawam Good Citizen Award, and in 1993, received the Agawam Chapter of UNICO "Man of the Year" Award.

As part of its annual breakfast, the Agawam Democratic Committee will honor Ray for his lifetime of work on behalf of the Democratic Party and community. The breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 22, 1995, at 10:00 a.m., at Betty's Old Towne House, 288 Walnut Street, Agawam.

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## Joseph F. Langone Announces Candidacy For Ag. City Council

Joseph F. Langone, of 180 Suffield Street, Agawam, has announced his candidacy for the Agawam City Council.

Langone, 28, stated, "This is my first run for public office. I am enthusiastic about the campaign and would consider it an honor to serve the public."

Langone has resided in Agawam for over 27 years and adds that his father and mother have operated Langone's Plumbing and Heating Company in Agawam for years.

In outlining his background, he noted that he graduated cum laude in 1989 from Assumption College, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in English. He is also a communicant of Saint Anthony's Church in Agawam.

Langone added that he has worked for the Massachusetts Career Development Institute from 1986 to the present. From 1986 through 1990, he was an ABE/ESL instructor at the Springfield Facility. From 1991 to 1995, he was an instructor of English grammar, language mechanics, algebra, geometry, ESL, and Adult Literacy to over 100 program participants as well as the development of job-related curricula.

Recently he has been a GED instructor for the Holyoke and Westfield satellite facilities, responsible for the teaching of English grammar, language mechanics, composition, algebra, and geometry, as well as the development of original curricula and the bi-weekly evaluation of all students.

He added, "I am proud of my more than five years of experience as a full-time instructor. It has certainly broadened my perspective of the problems facing society and government."

In conclusion, he stated, "I look forward to meeting the citizens of Agawam. The position of City Councilor is important to our community both in appearance and for the substantive issues which must be faced. The first phase of my campaign will be to meet the voters to respectfully receive their opinions on the issues. It will be positive and demonstrate my enthusiasm and willingness to listen and to serve."

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## Mayoral Candidate Karl H. Stieg Comments On Berkshire Power Referendum Issue

In a press release issued this week, Mayoral candidate Karl H. Stieg stated, "It has been recognized by this candidate that an essential right of the democratic process is willfully and deliberately being obstructed by elected officials."

"There is a proposed referendum question which will be discussed next Monday night (September 18th) at the Town Council meeting concerning the Berkshire Power project. The placing of this referendum on the November ballot has been rejected for numerous reasons. None of which are morally correct."

"Mayor Johnson has stated that he is in favor of the power plant, and that he would do everything in his power to block the question, framed by the CCBA, from reaching the November ballot."

"What is the democratic foundation for Mayor Johnson's reasoning on this matter? There is no

legitimate reason. Unless, he wishes the Town of Agawam to be ruled by a select few, which the Greeks labeled an aristocracy."

"This candidate is in favor of a democracy, supporting a referendum on this issue. This candidate opposes the building of a power plant. However, if elected Mayor, this candidate would not ignore the results of a referendum, regardless of its outcome."

"Mayor Johnson, on the other hand, has stated that he would ignore the results of the present ballot question framed by the CCBA."

"The very objective of political leadership is to govern the voting public under the democratic process and not to circumvent it. For whatever reason, the present leadership of this city known as the 'Town of Agawam' has lost sight of that basic principle," concluded Stieg.

## Melconian: State Funds Are Available For High School Students For Dual Enrollment

As another school year commences, Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced that state funding for the dual enrollment program has doubled for the 1996 fiscal year, allowing students enrolled at private schools to participate for the first time.

The \$1 million state program offers high school juniors and seniors in both public and private schools the opportunity to enroll in college classes at no cost and receive both high school and college credit. The dual enrollment program was created as part of the sweeping Education Reform Act of 1993.

Participating students enroll in regularly scheduled college classes at public colleges, universities, and community colleges. State funds cover all college tuition and fees. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation, textbooks, and instructional materials.

The dual enrollment program is not an alternative high school, and does not replace advancement placement or other academic and occupational courses offered at the high school.

Students must be in good academic standing to participate in the dual enrollment program. Local

high schools determine individual student eligibility and which college courses meet the criteria for high school graduation. Eligible high school students are responsible for determining the entrance requirements of the public institution of higher learning they wish to attend and completing the application, registration, and enrollment process.

Senator Melconian commented, "This expanded program allows all high school students to broaden their educational horizons and reap the benefits of college-level course work. Exposure to a collegiate atmosphere should serve to inspire, challenge, and stimulate teenagers to strive for academic excellence."

Students interested in applying for either the fall or spring semester should contact their high school guidance counselor. The superb selection of public institutions located in Western Massachusetts includes UMASS Amherst, Springfield Technical Community College, Holyoke Community College, Berkshire Community College, Greenfield Community College, Westfield State College, and North Adams State College.

## Rabies Clinic Slated For All Cats And Dogs

A rabies clinic for all cats and dogs will be held on Saturday, September 23rd, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control, located at 701 Center Street, Chicopee.

The rabies vaccine costs \$10 per animal, and information on spaying and neutering will be

available.

Protect your family and your pets from the threat of rabies! A limited number of vaccines will be available for the financially needy.

Dog licenses for 1995 for Hampden, Holyoke, and Springfield will be offered.

**Our deadline is each and every Tuesday at 12:00 noon.**

## Cactus Cody's Pumpkin Festival

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## Families

# Riverside Treats Camp Rainbow To Day Of Fun



MEMBERS OF CAMP RAINBOW, the town's special needs summer camp, were treated to a special day at Riverside Park just before the end of the summer season last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Opening Night At THE BIG E Will Again Provide Loads Of Family Entertainment

Opening Night at The Big E will once again showcase an eruption of booms, blasts, and bright lights as Zambelli International takes center stage and sets The Big E sky on fire with a spectacular Opening Night Fireworks display, sponsored by Fleet Bank at 9:30 p.m.

Martha Reeves and the Vandellas lead off the all-star cast of live entertainment on the Miller Genuine Draft Stage on Opening Day, Sept. 15th with two shows at 4:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Martha Reeves and the Vandellas will surely take fairgoers back in time to the summer of 1964 when the words "Calling out, around the world, are you ready for a brand new beat?" rang through every jukebox and car radio across the nation. The song "Dancing in The Streets" has withstood the sound waves of time to remain one of the most inspirational songs played today. You'll see bell-bottoms, hip-huggers, bee-hives, bobs and beads as The Big E returns to the summer of 1964.

The Big E remains New England's best entertainment value with an all-free entertainment agenda including some of the top name talent in

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Also on the Miller Genuine Draft Stage opening day are the Down Five Plus Five at Noon and 2:00 p.m. and the Bethany Assembly Sanctuary Choir Orchestra at 6:00 p.m.

The Big E's gates open daily at 8:00 a.m. Buildings throughout the grounds open at 10:00 a.m. The Avenue of States buildings will be open until 9:00 p.m. except the last day of the fair, October 1st, when they will remain open until 8:00 p.m. Storowton Village Museum is open from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Storowton's Craft area is open until 10:00 p.m. All other buildings are open until 10:00 p.m.

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## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, September 18th:** Country pie (hamburger, rice, tomatoes, cheese), tossed salad, oatmeal bread, cantaloupe.

**Tuesday, September 19th:** Baked chicken leg, sweet potatoes, cabbage & carrots, Canadian oat bread, apple crisp.

**Wednesday, September 20th:** Turkey loaf with gravy, baked potato, green beans, whole wheat bread, baked custard.

**Thursday, September 21st:** Pork chow mein, fluffy white rice, mixed vegetables, pumpernickel bread, canned pineapple chunks.

**Friday, September 22nd:** Apple juice, baked macaroni & cheese, tomato & cucumber salad, rye bread, canned apricots.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

## First Annual Berkshire Power GOLF TOURNAMENT

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## AHS Class Of 1980 Plans 15 Year Reunion



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**Braveheart** [R] - 12:00, 3:30, 7:30

**To Wong Foo** [PG-13] - 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30 (Digital)

**The Tie That Binds [R] (On 2 Screens)**  
12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 7:15, 7:45, 9:20, 9:45

**Belle De Jour [R]** - 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 7:25, 9:35

**Bros. McMullen [R]** - 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:10, 9:20

**Amazing Panda Adventure** [PG] - 12:15, 2:15, 4:15

**Virtuosity** [PG-13] - 7:30, 9:45

**A Walk In The Clouds** [PG-13] - 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:20

**Casper** [PG] - 12:35, 2:35, 4:35

**Crimson Tide** [R] - 7:10, 9:30

**A Kid In King Arthur's Court** [PG] - 12:00, 2:00, 4:00

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## Reservations Due By Sept. 15th For AHS's Class Of 1975 Reunion

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If you would like to attend and have not received your notice, please contact Pam at 789-0929 for more information. Call today! The deadline for reservations is September 15, 1995.

Don't miss out on seeing your old friends and classmates.

## "Taste Of Italy" Festival Slated For Sat., September 30th

The fourth Annual Festival of "The Taste of Italy" will be held on Saturday, September 30th at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School Auditorium, 36 Margaret Street, Springfield. Food will be served from 4:30-8:00 p.m.

A variety of your favorite Italian homemade foods from all regions of Italy will please your palate.

Food tickets in 50-cent increments will be sold at the door. A benefit raffle for parish restoration will take place at 8:00 p.m.

## Nature Events Available For Preschoolers

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden is offering a series of 10 weekly programs to introduce preschoolers to the ways of nature.

Sessions are available Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesday afternoons from 12:30-2:30 p.m., Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m., or Thursday afternoons from 12:30-2:30 p.m., beginning the week of September 26th.

Preschoolers will follow the transition from fall into winter, investigating a different topic each week. Their adventures include hiking in woods and fields, playing games, sharing stories, and making crafts.

The fee for the series is \$75 for Massachusetts Audubon Society members and \$90 for the public. Latecomers will receive a prorated fee, please call for details. Group size is limited to 10 and pre-registration is required.

For further information or a copy of Laughing Brook's current newsletter with complete listings, call (413) 566-8034.

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## Golden Blue Ribbon Singers To Perform Throughout The Fall

Where are all the senior citizens who enjoy singing and entertaining? The Golden Blue Ribbon Singers, under the direction of Peg Thomson, are back in rehearsals after summer vacation. They meet every Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 at the West Springfield Senior Center.

This friendly chorus welcomes new members, both male and female, and are preparing for the annual Senior Show on October 27th at the West Springfield Senior High School.

During the next two months, they will be entertaining the Springfield Hobby Club, Heritage North, and Chestnut Hill Nursing Homes and also for the patients at the Municipal Hospital in Springfield.

Popular songs and show tunes from "the good old days" are popular with their audiences and variety numbers are sung by several members who have an opportunity to sing solos or duets.

Accompanying the singers are Al Seher, veteran banjo player from Westfield, George Diegel at the drums, and Gene Basili, master accordionist, both from Springfield, with Mrs. Thomson at the piano.

This fall's program will feature a "Pokey Huntus" skit and bell ringing numbers with audience participation for all. The chorus is now taking dates for December performances by contacting Peg Thomson (568-4498) or calling the West Springfield Senior Center (263-3264).

## SHARE New England To Hold Next Sign-Up On September 23rd

SHARE New England wants to tell you about a smart way to stretch your food dollar.

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The next sign-up for this worthwhile program will take place on Saturday, September 23rd, at St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall, 835 Main Street (Rte. 159), Agawam, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. In addition, there will be a sign-up at the same location on Tuesday, October 3rd, between 6:15 and 7:15 p.m.

Also on October 3rd, the program will be holding a second sign-up at St. David's Church, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Regardless of when you sign-up for this program, the pickup date for all food items is Saturday, October 21st, between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall.

For further information about SHARE in your community, call Jane Tuohy at 789-4674.

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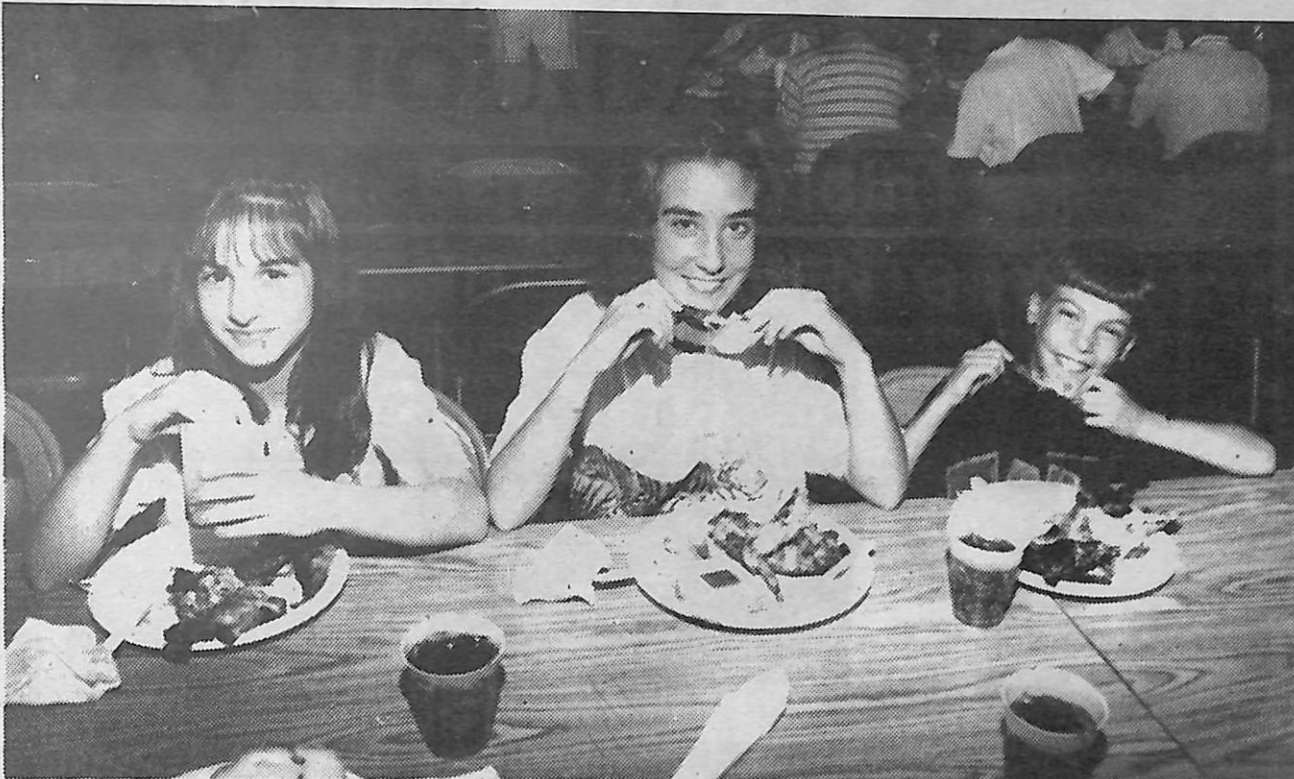
# The Food Was Great At UNICO's Chicken BBQ



**FOUR REASONS WHY AGAWAM UNICO** recently enjoyed another successful Chicken BBQ at the Polish Club on August 20th were, from left - Rich Morassi, president; Earl Hollister, event co-chairman; Louis Russo, event co-chairman; and Sal Morassi Sr., committee member. **RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

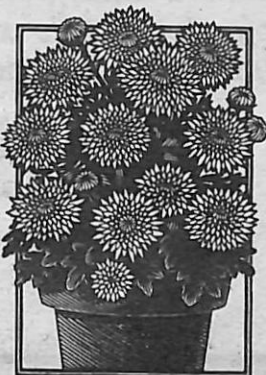


**LUKE AARON REBELO** couldn't wait to gobble up his delicious corn-on-the-cob at the Agawam UNICO Chicken BBQ at the Polish Club on August 20th. **MORE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**ENJOYING THEIR CHICKEN DINNER** cooked by the famous chefs of Agawam UNICO on August 20th were, from left - Dolores Cuccovia, Christina Terriaca, and James Terriaca. **MORE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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This summer was brutal—if your garden survived, you truly have a green thumb. But for those of us who have some gaps to fill (even the best of us lose a few now and then) may we suggest Bobby's Famous Mums? Bobby and his crew have been taking extra care of this year's crop to get them ready for your garden. Seeing green in your yard again may be a strange sight, but you'll get used to it. And while you're at the stand, pick up some of our delicious beans, peppers, eggplant, tomatoes, corn, squash, native apples, pies, and other goodies.

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# Agawam UNICO Out In Strength At Annual Chicken BBQ

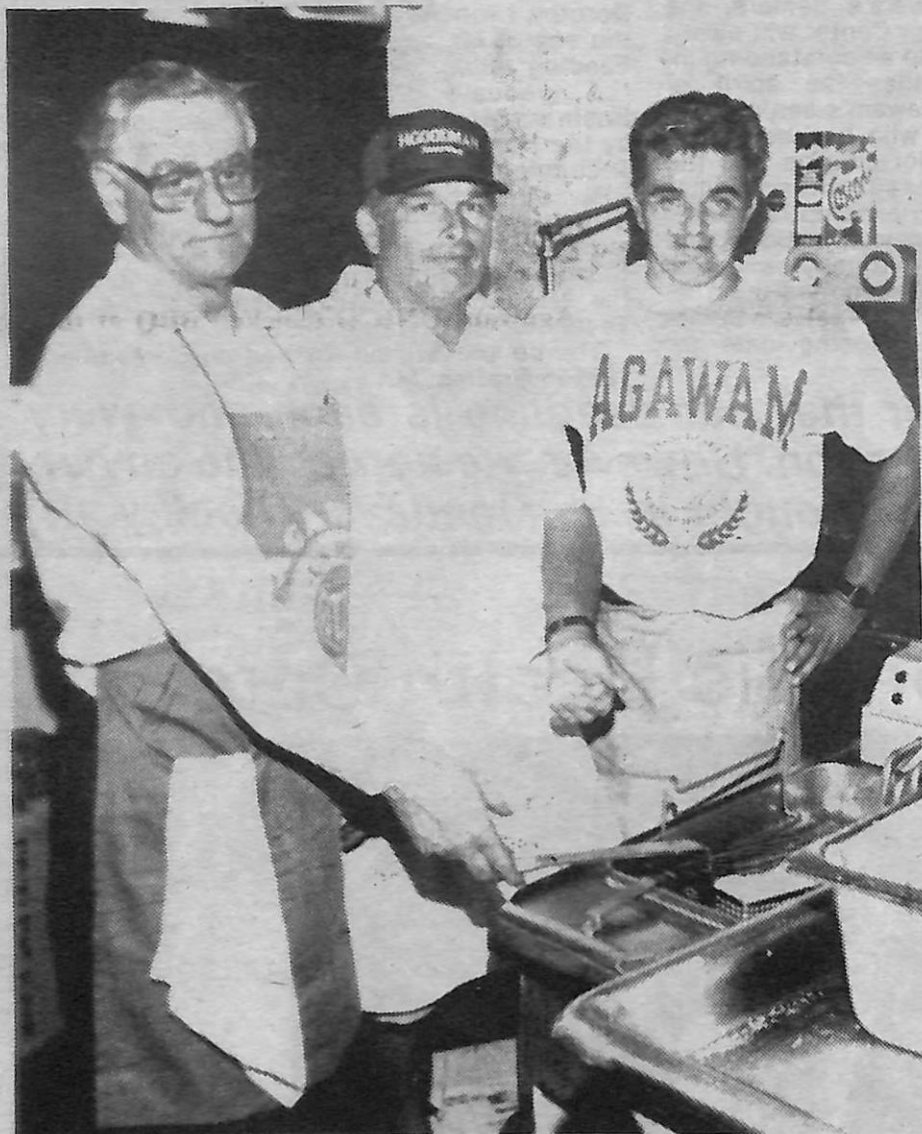


**GRILL MASTERS** at the Annual Agawam Chicken BBQ held at the Polish American Club on August 20th included, from left - Sal Morassi, Jim Willis, Ed Disco, Bill Mezzetti, and Charlie Calabrese.

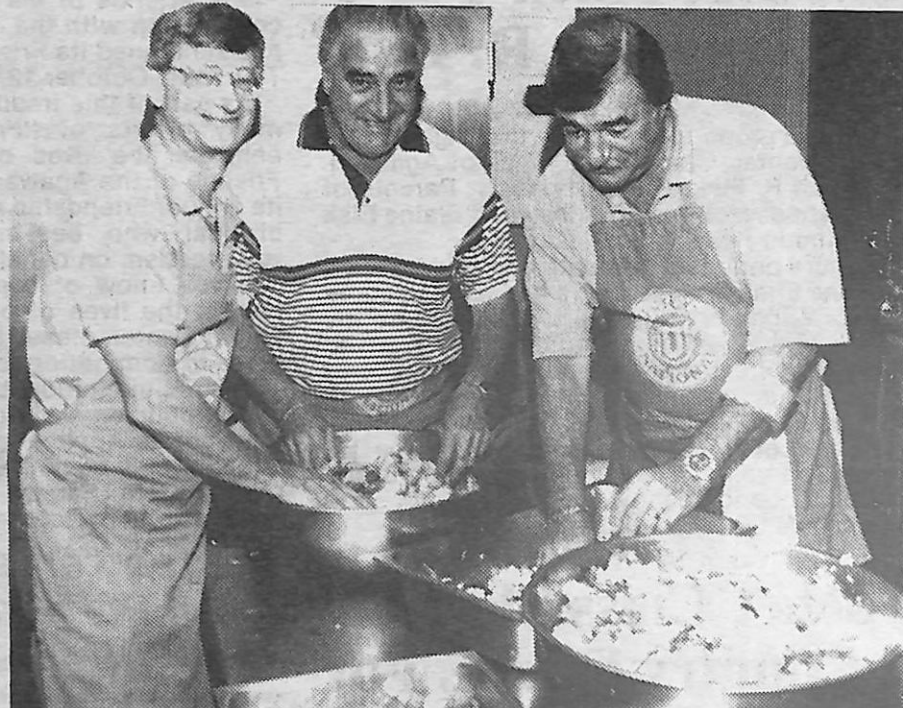
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**AGAWAM UNICO MEMBER** John Piccoli greets members of the Caroleo family at last month's Annual Chicken BBQ at the Polish Club. Caroleo family members are David (dad), Lindsay, Sue (mom), and Kelsey. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**NO UNICO CHICKEN BBQ** would be complete without the famous French fries being on the menu. From left - Dante Mutti, Tom Mezzetti, and Frank Pignatare were the day's french fry kings. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**LEADING THE SALAD DETAIL** AT THE AGAWAM UNICO Chicken BBQ on August 20th included, from left - Ron Lalancette, Larry Pisano, and Dick Pisano. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Carrie A. Finck To Wed Jonathan R. Fisk

Patrick and Marsha Finck of 17 Althea Circle, Agawam, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Anne Finck of Agawam, to Jonathan R. Fisk of Longmeadow. Parents of the future bridegroom are Rodney and Elaine Fisk of 74 Whitmun Road, Longmeadow.

The future bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and Elms College with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. She is currently working with school-aged children in the Town of Longmeadow's extended school day program.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Longmeadow High School and Western New England College with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He is presently employed as a manager at The Bottle Shop, Inc. in Longmeadow.

A December 1st wedding is planned.

## Crochet Class Slated At Country Estates For Monday, Sept. 18th

On Monday evening, September 18th at 6:15 p.m., Country Estates of Agawam, which is located at 1200 Suffield Street, will sponsor a "learn to crochet" class for all residents, staff, family, friends, and members of the community.

Those interested in learning this ancient and beautiful craft need only call Country Estates at 789-2200, ext. 123, to register. Bring a skein of yarn on which to learn and practice crocheting. Different sized hooks will be available for the evening's use.

Plan to join instructor Helen Manning on September 18th and "learn to crochet." Instructions are free. Refreshments will be served.

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## Fall Country West Fest Scheduled For Sept. 24th At Polish Club

The second annual Fall Country West Fest will be held Sunday, September 24th (rain or shine) from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at the Polish American Club fair grounds and pavilion, 139 Southwick Street (Route 157), Feeding Hills.

Due to the success of last year's festival, with attendance reaching nearly 2,000 persons, this year the club is bringing in national talent and expanding its attractions and exhibits.

Headlining this year's event will be Nashville recording artist Donna Lee and her All Star Band. Continuous music and entertainment will be provided throughout the day with additional acts which include the Trigger Finger Band, Country D.J. Dancin' Dave, and line dance lessons with dance expert Vance Reed.

There will also be a variety of foods, Western merchandise, Old West memorabilia and collectibles, crafts, and additional vendors displaying their goods. Balloons, cotton candy, activities, and more will be available for the children. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Everyone is invited to join the fun. For more information or directions, please call (413) 786-0927.

## Senior Ctr. Friends Plan Annual Dinner

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, in conjunction with the Agawam Council on Aging, has scheduled its Friends/COA Annual Dinner for Thursday, October 12, 1995.

As part of this traditional event celebrating the many efforts of "Friends" and the COA to enhance the lives of Agawam's seniors, the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center will award its annual Friendship Award to an outstanding individual who best exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism on behalf of Agawam's seniors.

If you know of someone who has helped to benefit the lives of our senior citizens and the Senior Center, please consider submitting his/her name in nomination for the Friendship Award.

The recipient must be an Agawam resident and at least 60 years of age. Married couples will be considered. Applications will be mailed upon request or may be picked up at the Agawam Senior Center from Sandra Smith. Closing date for nominations is October 1, 1995.

*Please remember that our deadline is each and every Tuesday at 12:00 noon. However, we appreciate any articles that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!*



MICHAEL LAROCHE &amp; DOROTHY L. ADAMS

## Dorothy L. Adams To Wed Michael Larouche

Mr. and Mrs. David E. Adams of Grafton, MA, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Dorothy Lynn Adams, to Mr. Michael Larouche, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald J. Larouche of Feeding Hills.

A graduate of Westfield State College in Business Management, Miss Adams is employed by the Hamilton Standard Division of the United Technologies Corporation.

Mr. Larouche is a graduate of Agawam High School and Holyoke Community College, and is attending American International College for Business Management. He is also employed by the Hamilton Standard Division of the United Technologies Corporation.

The couple will be married on September 23, 1995 in Grafton, MA.

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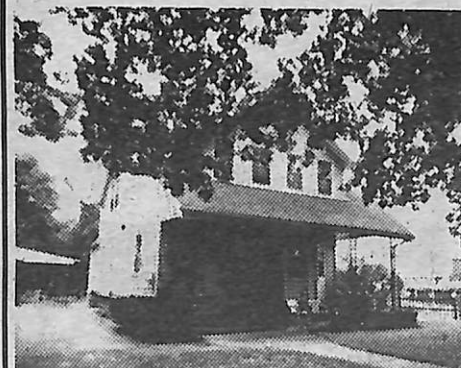


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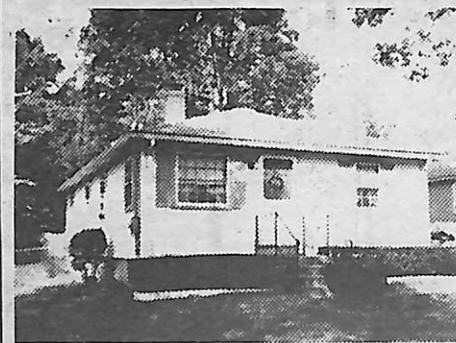


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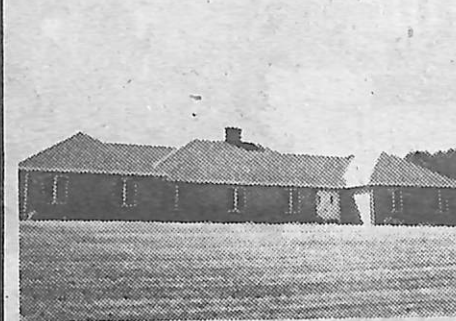


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# Legion's Color Guard At Riverside Park



IN PHOTOS ABOVE, MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM AMERICAN LEGION AND WOMEN'S AUXILIARY were members of the honor guard for a patriotic concert at Riverside Park on August 23rd performed by the Friends In Harmony, Riverside's community singing group. From left - Glenn Seymour, past commander; Bill Maher, house commander; Dennis Ward, finance officer; Paul Pidgeon, executive commander; George Brown, past commander; Mario A. L'Archeveque, commander; and Jay O'Sullivan, senior vice-commander. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF RIVERSIDE'S Friends In Harmony perform a patriotic concert on August 23rd at the park. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Ag. Jr. Women Plan Next Meeting For September 19th

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is having its September meeting on the 19th at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Leonard House, Agawam.

Anyone interested in the club is welcome to attend.

All people interested in the club are also invited to come to a Membership Party, Thursday, October 5th at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Leonard House. Information will be available on the purpose and activities of the club.

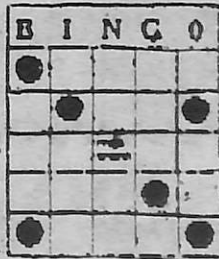
Come to have fun, meet new friends, and get involved. For more information call Ann at 786-1675.

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KRISTEN RADTKE &amp; ANTHONY GONSALVES

## Kristen Radtke To Wed Anthony Gonsalves

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Radtke of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen, to Anthony Gonsalves, son of Anthony and Barbara Gonsalves of Longmeadow.

Kristen is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1994 graduate of Gordon College. She is currently employed by Child and Family Service of Pioneer Valley, Inc.

Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Wilbraham Monson Academy and attended the University of Massachusetts. He is currently employed by Stop & Shop.

A November 1995 wedding is planned.

## Avenue Of States A Big Attraction At THE BIG E

The rich heritage of New England will be showcased in the six magnificent State Buildings along the Avenue of States, sponsored by Yankee Magazine. Fairgoers may take a tour of New England as they learn about the history, agriculture, commerce, natural resources, and industries of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Maine. The 74th edition of The Big E takes place September 15-October 1, 1995.

The state buildings, which are replicas of each state's capitol building, offer fairgoers the chance to sample delicious foods like fluffy Maine baked potatoes, savory Rhode Island clam cakes, homemade New Hampshire blueberry pie with ice cream, delicious Connecticut mushrooms, luscious Massachusetts cranberries, and tangy Vermont cheddar cheese or pure maple syrup. Many other tempting native foods are also available in the state buildings.

The Big E hosts the following state days: Rhode Island Day, Sept. 19th; Connecticut Day, Sept. 20th; Massachusetts Day, Sept. 21st; Vermont Day, Sept. 23rd; New Hampshire Day, Sept. 29th; and Maine Day, Sept. 30th. State day activities include unique entertainment and demonstrations on the front lawn of the building and participation in The Big E's Daily Parade at 4:30 p.m.

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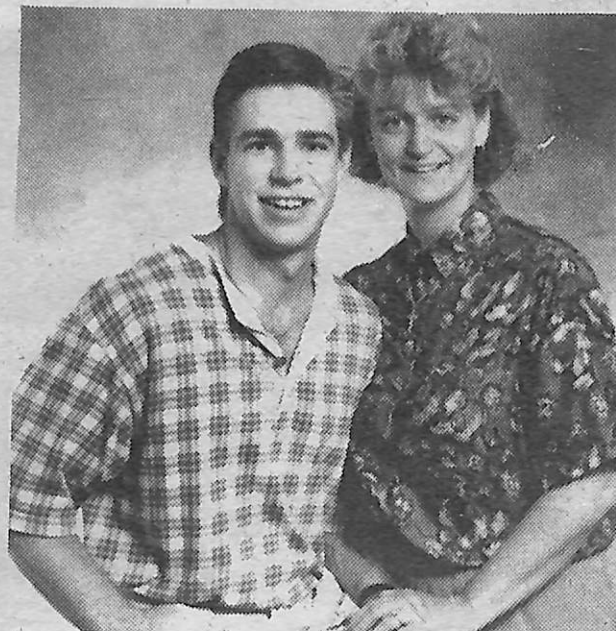
## Kristine Grimaldi To Wed James Lajeunesse

Mr. Joseph Grimaldi of Daytona Beach, Florida, and Mrs. Marie Brown of Wrenwood Lane, Agawam, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristine, to James Lajeunesse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lajeunesse of Westfield.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Agawam High School and Holyoke Community College. She is currently employed as a Reimbursement Systems Analyst for Aetna Life Insurance Company of Connecticut.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Westfield Vocational High School. He is currently employed as a Supervisor at Day Lumber of Westfield.

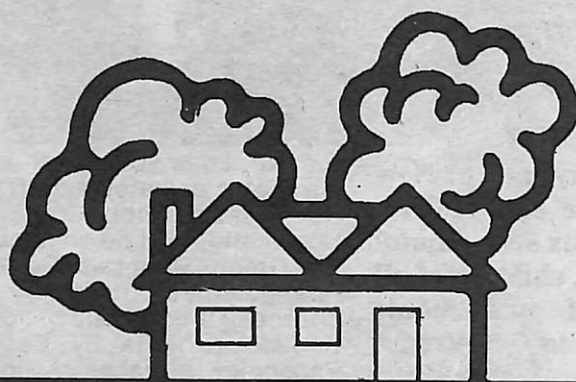
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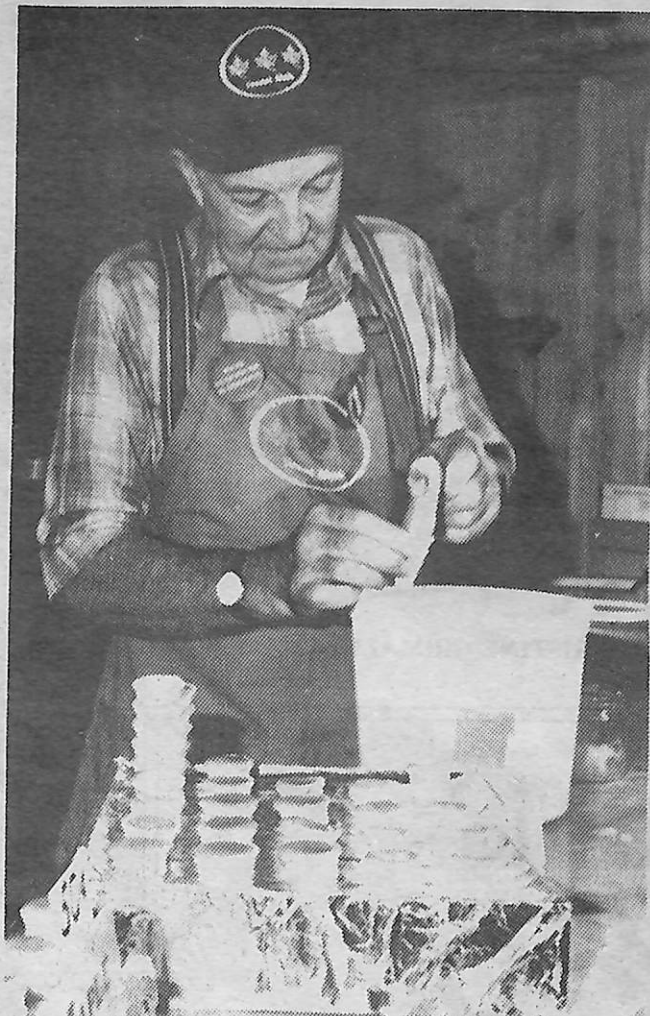
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**IN TOP PHOTO**, enjoy a savory taste of New England's finest foods and the best in New England culture at each of the six state capitol buildings. **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, children of all ages will love the magic of walk-abouts throughout the September 15th to October 1st fair.

### THE BIG E - from Page 23...

Every day of The Big E, fairgoers can look forward to enjoying the following on the Avenue of States:

\* In the **New Hampshire Building**, a wide selection of eye-catching demonstrations representing the Granite State will include wood carving, spinning and weaving, broom making, pottery making, wildlife, sea life and much more. Special musical performances by the Michael Thomas Duo and Franco-American Fiddle Players can be heard inside the building throughout the fair. Agricultural exhibits will feature Christmas trees, maple syrup, honey and specialty foods with demonstrations and tasty samples. **On New Hampshire Day, Sept. 29th**, the Nevers Band, the oldest band in the country will perform at the building and the New Hampshire State Police Drill Team will perform on the lawn.

\* In the **Rhode Island Building**, stuffed quahogs, jonny cakes, savory clam cakes, soft frozen lemonade, ice cream, frappes and fudge will offer fairgoers a taste of the finest foods from the Ocean State. Visitors may walk the cobblestone streets and peek inside candlelit Colonial clapboard houses on their journey through Newport life in the 1600's. Fairgoers can even try their luck at Powerball, one of the nation's most popular lottery contests. The Rhode Island Building will present a new exhibit this year spotlighting the Roger Williams Park Zoo. Walk into the wild and experience the sights and sounds of wildlife from around the world. Look closely through the naturalistic rockwork and spot a live animal roaming in its habitat. **On Rhode Island Day, Sept. 19th**, the Avenue A band will perform a unique mix of swing classics, jazz standards and popular music from the 30's to the 60's throughout the day. The Narragansett Bay Chorus will show fairgoers exactly how they thrill audiences throughout North America and abroad. David Ely, a freelance actor, impersonates various characters from Rhode Island's historical past and Jeanne Donato, the storyteller and "Colonial Lady," will take part in the celebration on Rhode Island Day.

\* The **Connecticut Building** will be packed with information for fairgoers on vacation spots, industry and agriculture. WTIC Radio from Hartford will broadcast live from the building while fairgoers browse Connecticut-made products including beautiful Thomaston Clocks and purchase Connecticut made items in the general store. **On Connecticut Day, Sept. 20th**, the Connecticut Council for the Arts will feature live performances on the building's front lawn.

\* The **Vermont Building** will shine as new renovations for the 1995 Big E are unveiled, showcasing a series of must-see exhibits during



the fair. Lose yourself in a dish of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream or watch a craft production demonstration by the Vermont Craft Council. The Bruegger's Corporation will be on-hand with tasty bagels and the Green Mountain Coffee Roasters will offer fine gourmet coffee. Try a chunk of Vermont cheese or enjoy a cup of homemade cider. Browse through exhibits by Basketville and Vermont Vagabond, a maker of elegant canvas bags. **On Vermont Day, Sept. 23rd**, activities include performances by Rick Norcross and his Country Band, the Sant Andrews Scottish bag pipes and dancers and the Green Mountain Volunteers, a contra dance group.

\* The **Massachusetts Building** will showcase some new attractions and exhibits for this year's fair. The Amherst Railway Society will showcase antique and modern Model Trains. In a new exhibit area, the Massachusetts Environmental Police will display various snakes found within New England as well as a "mechanical deer" used as a decoy during hunting season to "flush out" illegal hunters. The Farmer's Market will offer stir-fried veggies for fairgoers and WNNZ

Radio of Westfield will broadcast live from the building. The Cooperative Colleges of Greater Springfield, Inc. and the Springfield unit of the Shriner's Hospital will be represented as well. **On Massachusetts Day, Sept. 21st**, look for entertainment and activities on the lawn throughout the state's special day.

\* The **Maine Building** will once again feature delicious Maine Baked Potatoes and the Maine Blueberry Commission will offer wild Maine blueberries. Information on hunting, fishing, camping and traveling will be available for fairgoers. T.P. Perkins Company will display furniture made from antique wood and the Maine Department of Agriculture will display Maine agricultural products. **On Maine Day, Sept. 30th**, look for a special marching unit plus other special state day presentations.

The six New England state buildings will provide fairgoers with a medley of delicious food, great entertainment and many educational exhibits during The Big E, Sept. 15-Oct. 1, 1995 in West Springfield, Mass.

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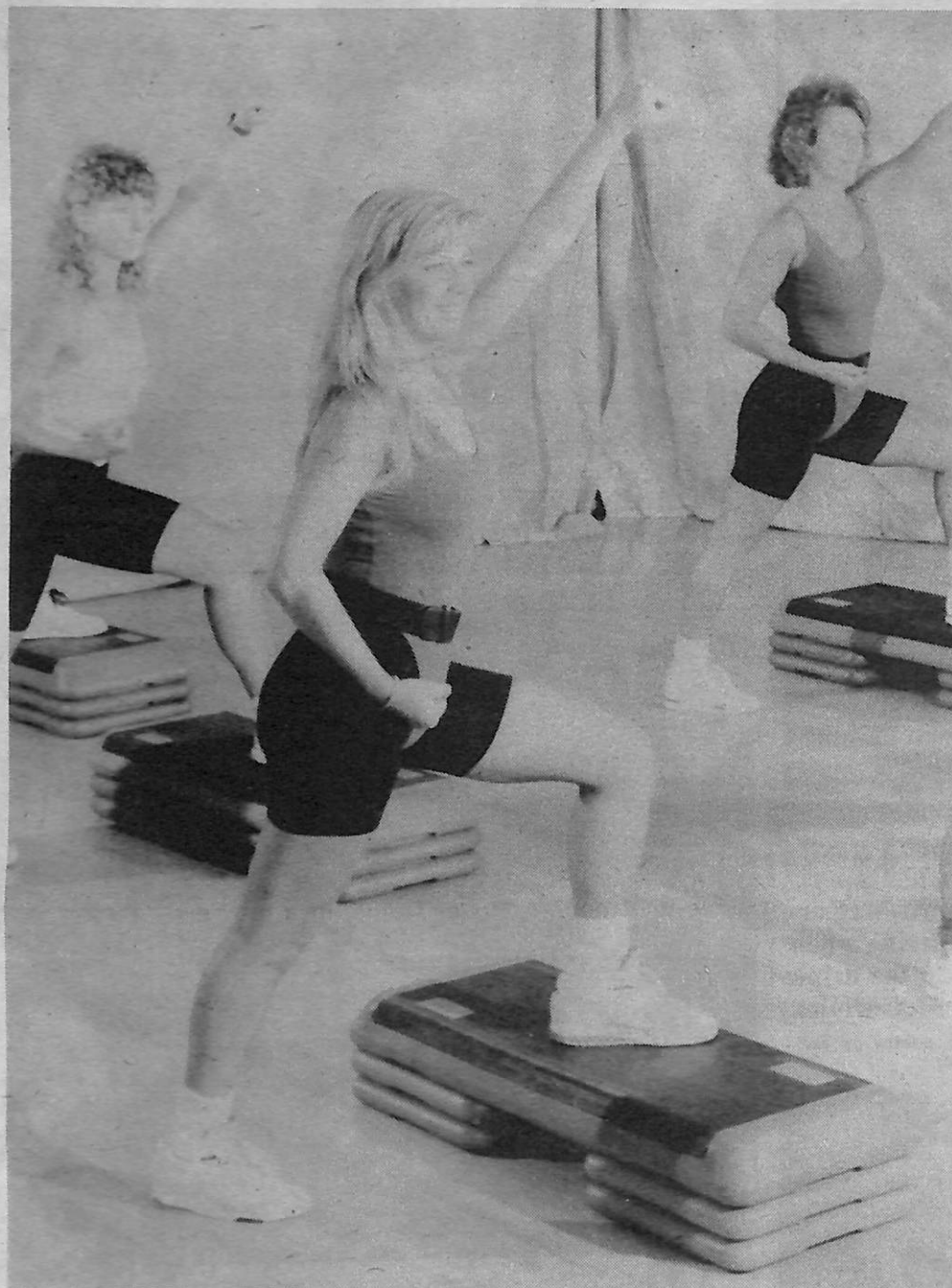
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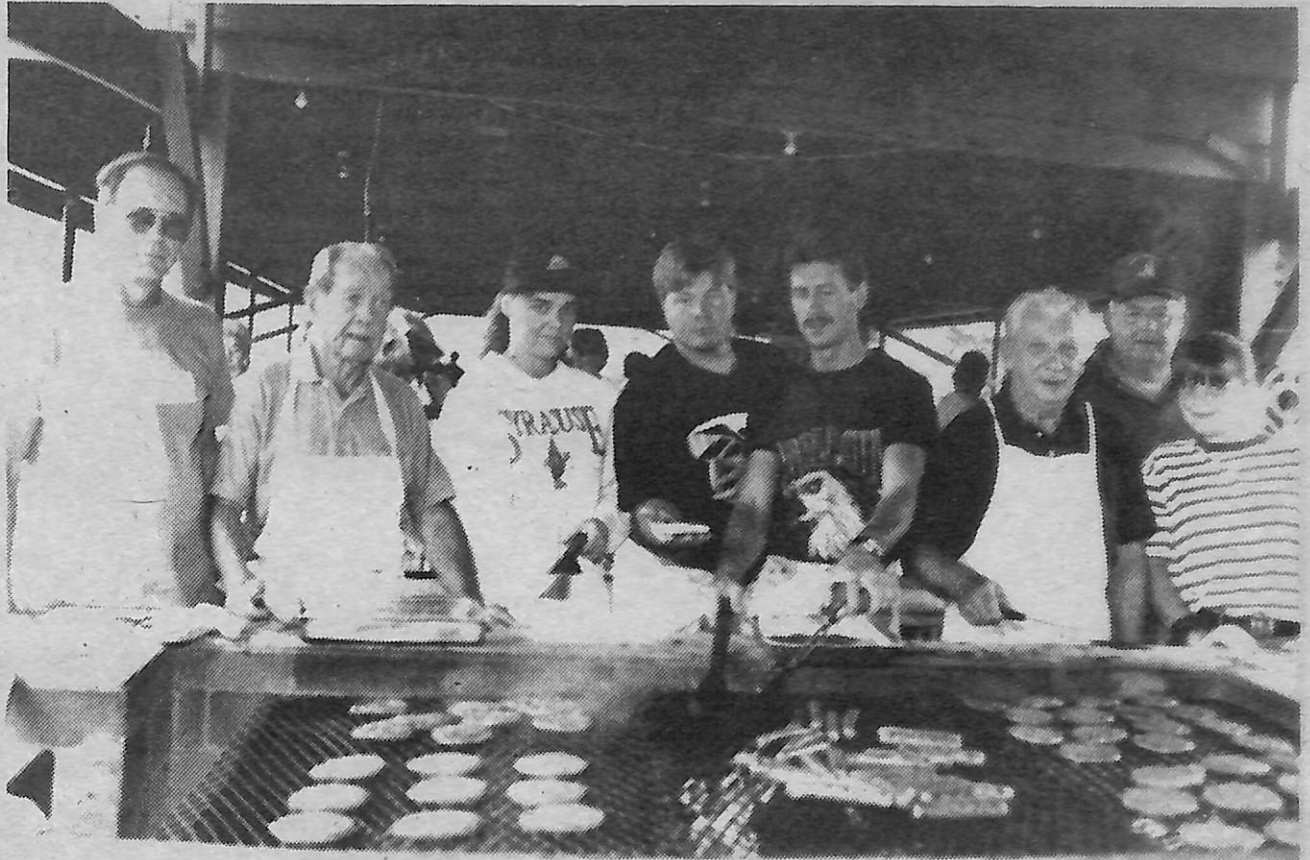


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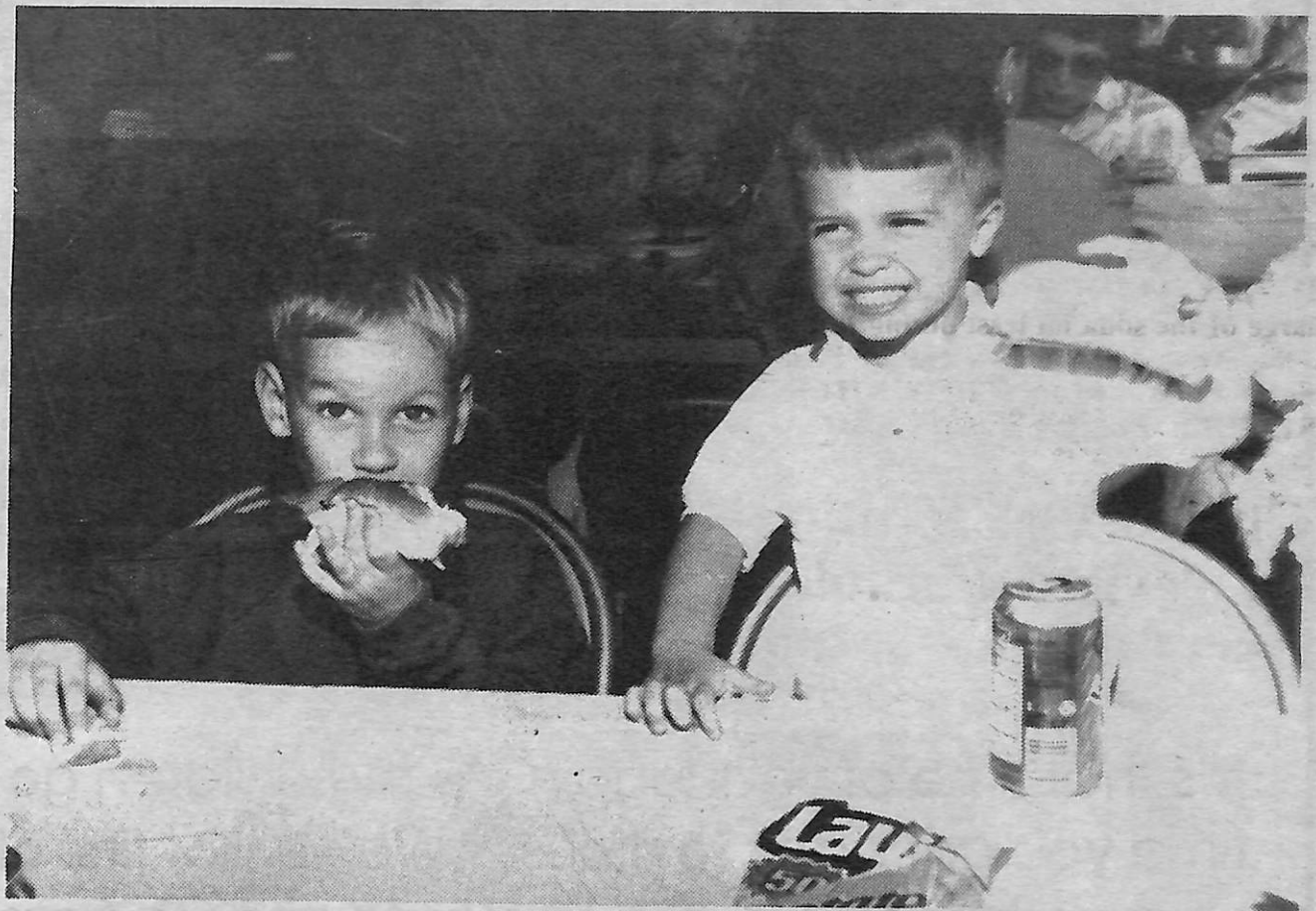
## Huge Crowd Attends St. John's Picnic



**SPLASH! SPLASH!** Father Howard McCormick at St. David's Church is wondering when someone will actually send him into the drink (top photo). **BELOW**, Father McCormick takes the big plunge. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



**WORKING THE GRILL** at the St. John's Parish Picnic at the Agawam VFW on August 27th included, from left - Bernie Paine, Dan Sullivan, Jen Dalglish, Kevin Gaffney, Kevin Paine, Jack Morin, and Ralph Demerast. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**DANNY ANDERSON** and his pal, **DOMINIC SERRA**, said they liked the hot dogs and chips the best at the Annual St. John's Parish Picnic on August 27th at the Agawam VFW. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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## The Soda Man



**BILL BEUDRY** of St. John's Church was in charge of the soda (at least during this photo) at the Annual St. John's Parish Picnic on August 27th. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## "Chalice Of Salvation" (Televised Catholic Mass) Coming To Big E

Big E fairgoers, employees, and concessionaires are welcome to attend the Chalice of Salvation Catholic Mass on Sunday, September 17th, at 10:00 a.m. on the Storowton Village Green. The Mass, which will be televised live on Channel 22, will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Thomas L. Dupre, Bishop of Springfield.

Bishop of Dupre is a native of Holyoke and was ordained in Saint Michael's Cathedral in Springfield on May 23, 1959 by the late Bishop Christopher J. Weldon. He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Springfield in April 1990, and was ordained on May 31, 1990.

"Through the kindness and cooperation of The Big E family, the Chalice of Salvation will continue its 25 year-old tradition displaying all the sights and sounds of the fair at the Eastern States Exposition," said Brother Terrence Scanlon of the Catholic Communications office.

The Big E Chalice of Salvation Mass is sponsored by the Catholic Woman's Club of Springfield.

In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Trustees' Tent.

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## "Tools For The Journey" Topic Of Sermon At Agawam First Baptist Church

"Tools for the Journey" will be the topic of Pastor Richard Barnes' sermon this Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. morning worship service. His biblical text will be taken from II Kings 23: 1-20.

The choir will resume its participation following the summer vacation. Responsive reading will be led by Jennie Oyola.

The regular sessions of religious education classes begin today with instruction of all ages. Following worship, coffee and fellowship will be held in Davis Hall.

There will be an opportunity to sign up for photos for the pictorial directory to be completed this fall.

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Also on our calendar this week:

**Monday, September 18th:** 7:00 p.m., Caring Con-

nection.

**Tuesday, September 19th:** 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class.

**Wednesday, September 20th:** 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

**Thursday, September 21st:** 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

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The Caring Connection has been formed to reach out to those in our congregation who have specific needs. You are invited to be a part of this new group, formed to be a link in the chain of the care of our church family.

Contacts for the month of September are Gwen Magovern (786-3542) or Charlie Baker (786-8140).

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## Church News - continued...

### Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

The study series "Beyond the Mirror," which is being led by Rev. Curt Fuller, is continuing at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings and at 7:35 p.m. on Wednesday evenings following the Midweek Service.

This series is based on the book "Beyond the Mirror" by Henri Nouwen and his near-death experience. All are welcome to attend either or both study series.

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On Sunday, September 17th, Worship Service continues at 10:30 a.m.

This Sunday, Rev. Curt Fuller's Sermon will be "An Ambassador at Large" from 1 Timothy 1:15-17. The Children's Message will be "This is the Day!"

Church School begins this Sunday, with adult and seventh through 12th grade meeting at 9:15 a.m., and Crib Room through sixth grade meeting at 10:30 a.m. during the Worship Service.

The Jr. Choir continues to meet following the Worship Service. All children ages three to 16 are welcome to attend the choir practice. Mr. Bryan Kirby, church organist and choir director, will be leading the children's choir.

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Playgroup for infants to pre-school will begin on Wednesday, September 20th, and Thursday, September 21st, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information about the Playgroup, call Sue Tapply at 786-1430 or the church office at 786-7111.

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There is a Midweek Service each Wednesday at

### Rosary Sunday At Dominican Nuns

The Annual Rosary Sunday Devotions of the Dominican Nuns will be held Sunday, October 1st at 1:00 p.m. at the Chapel of the Dominican Nuns, 1430 Riverdale St., West Springfield.

Reverend Gregory Maturi, O.P. of St. Catherine Priory, East 68th St., New York City will be the guest preacher.

The service will include homily, rosary, blessing, and distribution of roses, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Roses will be distributed to the guests by members of the Dominican Laity Chapter.

The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, contact Sister Charlotte Matthews, O.P.

### Sacred Heart Plans Tag & Craft Sale

There will be a **Tag and Craft Sale** at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, September 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Come and browse through the many vendors offering their items in the parking lot of the church. Refreshments will be available throughout the day.

In case of rain, the sale will be the next day, Sunday, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### La Leche Offers Breastfeeding Advice

Where should a new mother go for advice about breastfeeding? According to a recent survey, many doctors, childbirth educators, and nurses recommend that mothers turn to La Leche League.

The survey, conducted by an independent research firm and sponsored by Proctor and Gamble, revealed that nearly all the physicians who participated in the survey were highly in favor of breastfeeding. Most recommended that mothers nurse their babies for at least 19 weeks. Forty-two percent of the pediatricians included in the sample suggested that mothers breastfeed their babies "as long as possible."

If you are considering breastfeeding, the best time to become informed is before the birth of your baby. The next local La Leche League meeting will be held on Monday, September 18th, at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

The league offers mother-to-mother help in a series of four monthly meetings based on the manual "The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding." The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, and breastfeeding.

For further information, call Chris, 736-3238, or Jeanne, 739-7923.

7:00 p.m. This service is a half-hour, informal Worship Service with hymns, prayers, and communion.

The Minister of Music Emeritus, Eleanor Tous-saint, has been playing the piano for the hymn sings.

Join us at this weekly fellowship service in the Lord's house and sing your favorite hymn.

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Confirmation Class begins next Sunday, September 24th, at 9:15 a.m. All ninth grade students are invited to be part of this year's exciting Confirmation Class.

The class will offer an extensive overview of the history, structure, and the basic Christian beliefs. Also, they will be encouraged to examine their personal involvement with the Church and their relationship with Jesus Christ.

An important part of the program will be the visits to area congregations. Another highlight will be two overnight retreats. These events help our young people gather with other confirmands from all over the state and also to put their faith into action at a mission work camp.

Speakers will visit the class to share how their faith helps them deal with their work situations. The class is also open to older high school students who have not been confirmed. Rev. Curt Fuller will be leading the class.

There will be a 45-minute informational meeting for students and parents at the church on Sunday, September 17th, at 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions or require more information, please contact the church office at 786-7111.

### St. David's To Begin Education & Healing

On **Wednesday evenings** from 8:00 p.m. 'til 9:00 p.m., a New "Focus on the Family" Video Series, taught by Christian psychologist James Dobson, will be shown which will look at some of the common issues faced by parents who desire to raise children who know both the love and the discipline of the Lord.

Half of the class time will be spent viewing the films, the balance in discussion led by the Rector, Len Cowan.

**Once a month**, on the **last Thursday** of the month (Sept. 28th) at 7:00 p.m., the Healing Service will begin again. This is a change from previous Healing Services which were held weekly.

We extend an invitation to ALL to come and worship the Lord with songs of praise, intercessory prayer, and bible teaching. This is a great boost to get you through the rest of the week.

For more information, call the church office at 786-6133.

### News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

"Which Future Will We Choose?" will be the title of Rev. Donaldson's sermon this Sunday. Please join us for worship at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School begins at 9:00 a.m., as does Adult Bible Literacy Class. A traditional worship service begins at 10:00 a.m.

Children are encouraged to attend with their parents. Nursery care is provided.

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All members of the Confirmation Class and their parents are asked to meet with Melinda Coffey at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 17th.

The curriculum will be discussed so that both parents and confirmands know what is expected of them.

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The Youth Group has begun planning their Halloween Party. You can help by donating some of the following needed items: kiddie pools, old solid color blankets, old adult size clothing, old newspapers, large tree limbs (5-6 feet or taller), twine or rope, toilet paper and paper towel tubes, balloons, cardboard or cardboard boxes.

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The Neighbors in Need all-church collection will be taken this Sunday and next. This special appeal supports national projects on behalf of disadvantaged people within the United States.

Your gift enables the program ministries of our United Church of Christ to continue to help others, including Native Americans, children, and people of color in poor communities.

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The deadline for luncheon reservations for the Fall Meeting of the Hampden District UCC Women is September 18th. Please call 734-3856.

The meeting will be held at the East Congregational Church in Springfield on Friday, September 22, 1995.

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On the calendar this week:

**September 15th:** Big E begins.

**September 17th:** 9:00 a.m., Sunday School/Adult Bible Literacy; 9:00 a.m., Confirmation class meets with Melinda Coffey; 10:00 a.m., Neighbors in Need collection during worship.

**September 19th:** 12:00 noon, Clergy Luncheon; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

**September 20th:** 6:30 p.m., Music Committee; 7:00 p.m., Choir; 8:00 p.m., A.A.

**September 23rd:** 8:00 p.m., Coffee House with Nancy Tucker.

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## Spotlight On Business

### The Checkered Cow New Craft & Gift Shop In Feeding Hills

by Peggy Shoemaker  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

**THE CHECKERED COW** is a new craft and gift shop located at 559 Springfield Street, Agawam, that celebrated its beginnings with a successful open house last Saturday.

The shop is owned and operated by two local artists—Linda Robinson and Rosemarie White. Linda and her husband, Ted, live on Roosevelt Avenue, Feeding Hills, and Rosemarie and her husband, Douglas, live on Oriole Drive in Feeding Hills. Both couples have children in the local schools.

Both women enjoy working with art (mostly acrylic painting) in their homes before they decided to open the shop. They held open houses to showcase their work and kept lists of customers. These folks received mailed invitations and discount coupons for last Saturday's event.

Most of the painted articles for sale were painted by the owners, but there are items on consignment from other local artists and crafters. There are also articles bought wholesale to sell retail, and there are antique-looking pieces of furniture being used for display, shelves, chests, and cabinets that may be sold.

The more unusual eye-catchers are:

- \* Hand-quilted wall hangings, one of which resembles a window with each pane depicting a different detailed farm scene.

- \* Garden flags in various designs. These resemble the hospitality flags that one hangs near the front door, only these are small and are attached to metal rods that one sticks into the ground.

- \* Wood shutters with panels painted to resemble buildings are on the window of the shop and form an attractive display. When the shutters are drawn across the window, they form a flat row of pretty buildings. And as the shutters are opened, the buildings change angles.

Other items include glazed dough art, artificial and real flower arrangements, and wreaths for all occasions.

There are hand-crafted lamps—one with a ceramic apple for a base and coordinating shade; stoneware from Beaumont Brothers of Crooksville, Ohio; boxed note paper from Main Street Press of Wisconsin; and candles from Pilgrim Candles of Westfield. Wire candle holders will soon be available from a company in Indiana.

Wall paintings are available and wood figures of animals and people are also on display. The outlines of the figures were cut by professional woodcutters, and the artwork was done by the shop owners.

Stuffed bear collectors will be delighted with the cuddly, whimsical animals, especially the ones dressed in sports attire.

The shop is at an angle to Springfield Street, next door to the dog grooming shop called Groomingdale's, and it is almost opposite the Shibley Court Apartments.

There is a small railed porch in front with a floppy-eared bunny parked on a high back colonial bench. A welcome sign hangs from the tall painted sunflower near a pot of pink geraniums.

The Checkered Cow is open six days a week from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. From late November through the holidays, it will be open seven days a week, Rosemarie promises.

The shop specializes in crafts, collectables, and gifts, and Rosemarie and Linda urge everyone to "come and have a look—see."



**THE CHECKERED COW** is located at 559 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills and is owned and operated by Feeding Hills residents Linda Robinson and Rosemarie White. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



**THE CHECKERED COW** in Feeding Hills held an open house on Saturday, September 9th. **IN PHOTO LEFT** are the proud owners and operators - Rosemarie White and Linda Robinson; **IN PHOTO RIGHT** pictured at the open house are Evelyn Santanella, Chris Mangano, and Kevin Mangano. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Accountants To Meet On Sept. 20th

The Springfield Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants will resume its fall meeting schedule with a Wednesday, September 20th Technical Meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Delaney House, 1 Country Club Road (off Route 5), Holyoke, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Brian Corridan of Brian Corridan & Co. will be the featured speaker. His topic will be "Casino Gambling."

Cost for members is \$20. Non-members and guests are welcomed. For reservations, call Peter Hanson at (413) 786-2355.

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### Karen Britt Joins FitzGerald & Robbins As Account Executive

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FitzGerald & Robbins Inc., is a full-service advertising, marketing, and public relations firm which has been in business in Western New England for over 10 years.

Britt will provide service to the agency's accounts, including The Big E, Peter Pan Bus Lines, Partyka Resource Management, and other FitzGerald & Robbins clients.

She previously worked as a promotion assistant for Channel 22, and has a degree in communications from Westfield State College.



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**Spotlight On Business - continued...****Century 21**by  
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Whether you select a single family home on a private lot, or a condominium or townhouse on a shared lot, purchasing a new residence is a serious decision. As a home shopper, you should weigh the benefits of the various types of housing available to determine which kind of property will be able to accommodate your needs and lifestyle.

One of the most common types of housing is the single family, detached home. These homes are available in many shapes, sizes, and price ranges. Owners of single family, detached homes are responsible for all expenses associated with maintaining both the home and the property on which the home is located—including the property taxes, trash collection, water, sewer, and other utilities, etc.

More recently, neighborhoods of single family, detached homes have been grouped together in "common-interest subdivisions." Homeowners in these subdivisions are required to abide by a number of covenants, conditions, and restrictions, and to share the cost of maintaining recreational facilities and common areas.

Condominiums, "or condos" as they are more commonly called, can take many forms. They can be stacked in high-rise complexes, or separated into duplexes or fourplexes, also called "single family, attached homes." The key difference between a single family, detached home and a condo is that when you buy a condo, you are not buying the unit itself.

Instead, you are buying the "air space" in the unit and an undivided interest in the surrounding walls, floors, ceilings, recreational facilities, and common areas, which are jointly owned by everyone with an ownership stake in the complex. The expenses of maintaining the structure and common areas is divided up among all the owners, who pay a monthly assessment.

Townhouses also can take several different physical forms, but they typically consist of a row of homes attached by at least one common wall. Unlike condominium ownership, many townhouses allow for individual ownership of the home and the land on which it is located. Like condominiums, most townhouse developments are maintained through the assessment of a monthly fee or each owner is responsible for their individual owned areas.

The terms "condominium" and "townhouse" often are used interchangeably, so it's important to know exactly what type of residence you are buying and what ownership interest you will have in the property.

With an understanding of the types of homes available, it's important to look at other factors which may influence your purchase decision, such as price and maintenance.

Condominiums and townhouses typically are more affordable than single family, detached homes. They are an attractive option for first-time homebuyers or those looking to "trade down" to a smaller retirement home. The wide availability of condominiums and townhouses in vacation and resort areas also makes them an affordable option for investors looking for a second home.

Retirees and "empty nesters" are attracted to condominiums and townhouses because they generally require less property maintenance. So are career-focused singles and couples who prefer to spend their leisure time on the tennis courts instead of mowing the lawn. If a "low maintenance" lifestyle is important, a condominium or townhouse may be right for you.

By contrast, a single family, detached home appeals to individuals and families who prefer to have and maintain their own property, and who seek freedom, privacy, and the spaciousness offered by these residences.

Whether you are a first-time homebuyer, an investor, an empty nester, or looking to "buy-up," a professional real estate agent can help you determine which type of home is right for you.

(John Schuler is the Owner/Broker of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located in the Crossroads Shoppes, Feeding Hills, MA. [413-789-1117].)

**Springfield Business & Professional Women  
Plan 1995-1996 Schedule Of Events**

The Springfield Business and Professional Women's Club has established its 1995-1996 schedule of events and monthly meetings.

All persons interested in supporting the interests of working women in the Greater Springfield Area are invited to join us. Reservations can be made by contacting Michele Laffert at 413-747-3718.

Regular monthly meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Monte Carlo Restaurant, Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, starting at 5:30 p.m., except where noted.

An Open House will be held Tuesday, September 26th to kick-off the membership drive.

PLEASE NOTE that due to The Big E, the September meeting will be held at Northeast Savings Bank, 1243 Main Street, Springfield (free parking on site).

Speakers will include *Carrie O'Hare*, Past Local President and current State President-Elect; *Arlene Rodovich*, Past State President and current Individual Development Chair; *Marsha Edmunds*, current State Foundation Chair; *Rosemary Roper*, current Local President; *Penny Sotiropoulos*, Local Member and National and State Convention Attendee; *Cecilia Calabrese* of Feeding Hills, Local Member, past Local First Vice President and self-employed working mother.

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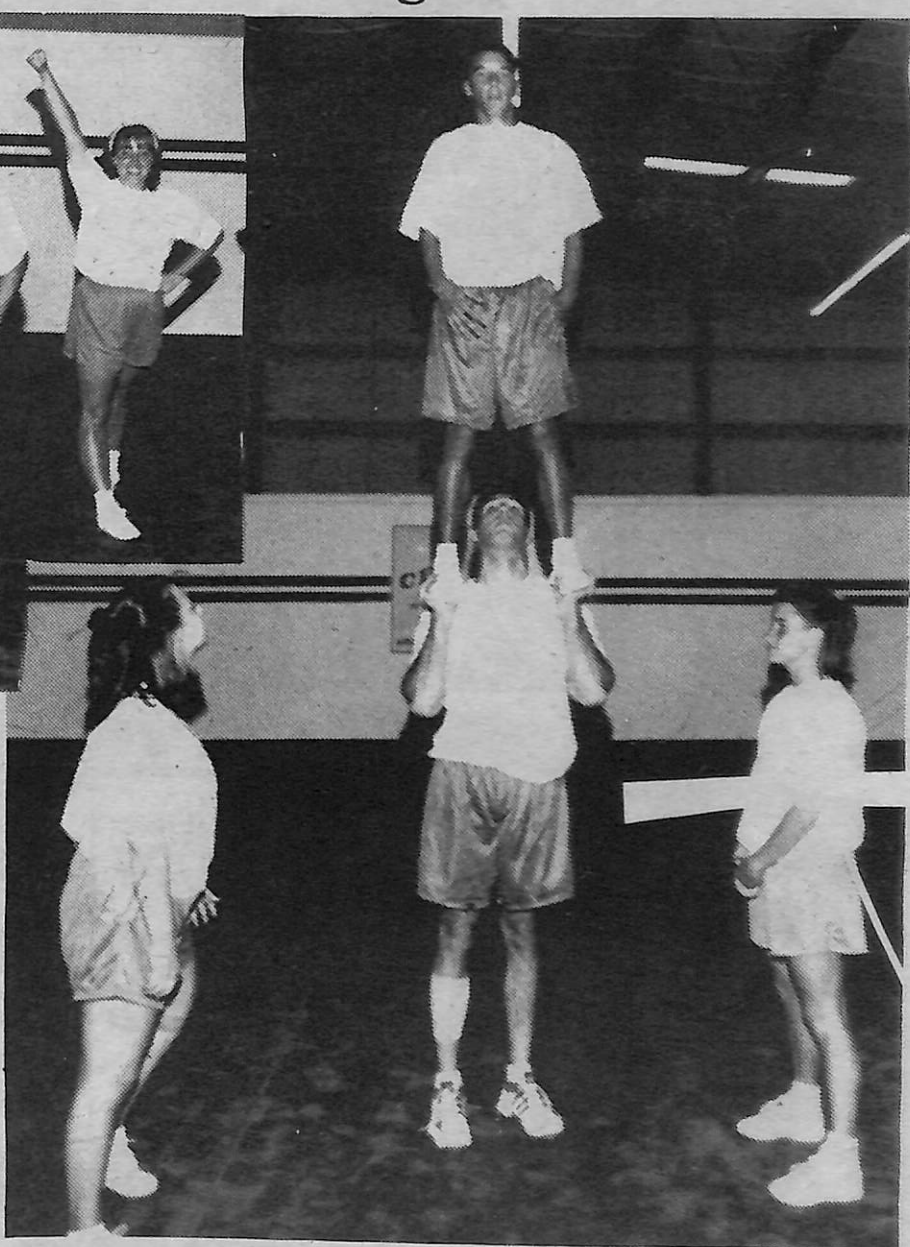
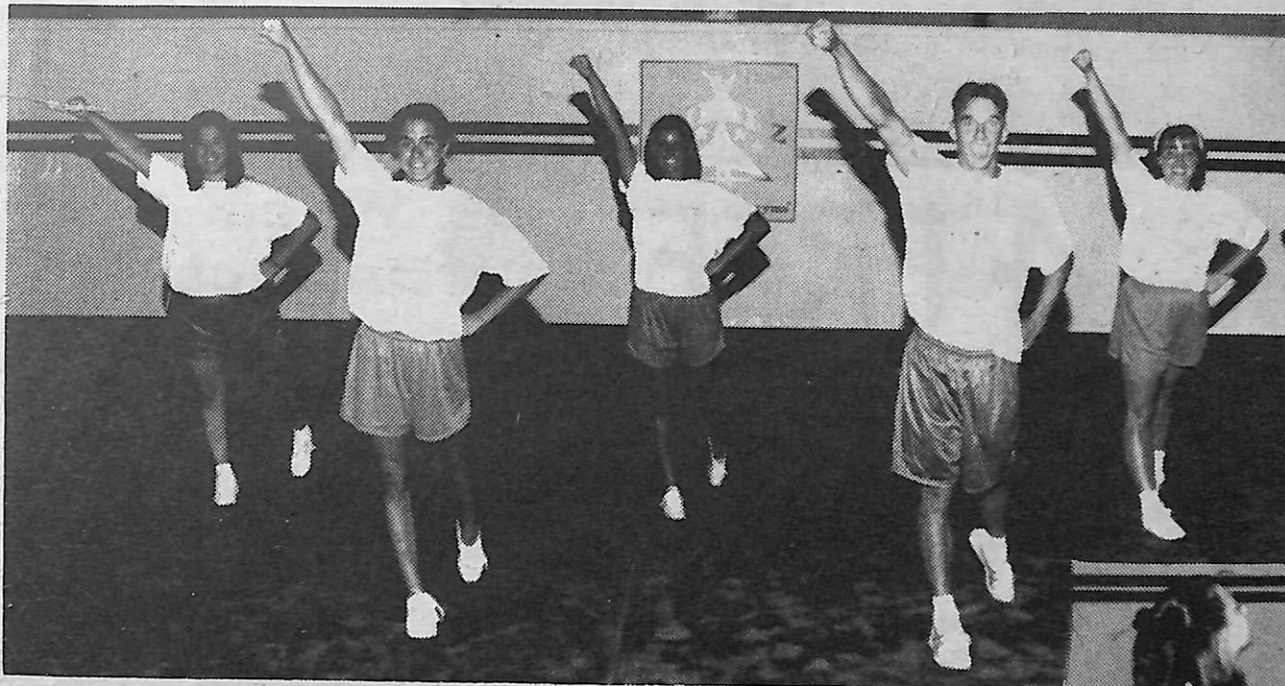
Spotlight On Business - continued...

# Riverside Entertains Many At Family Night



ATTENDING THE RECENT FAMILY NIGHT at Riverside Park included members of the Conchieri family - Michael, Briana, Mary, Sean, Patrick, and Allison Carroll. IN PHOTO ABOVE, RIVERSIDE PARK EMPLOYEES greeting park-goers at the August 23rd Family Night. From left - Jamie Weber, personnel coordinator; Talina McCasland, admissions; Mary Isabelle, admissions; and Peggy Webb, personnel administrator. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.


# Open House Held At Cheerz Cheerleading School



CHEERZ CHEERLEADING SCHOOL, the first of its kind in this area, located on Russo Circle, Agawam, held an open house on Saturday, August 26th. IN PHOTOS (clockwise, from left), owners Robert & Janice McKenzie speak to members of the Carter family - Sherry, Richard, and Marianne. IN NEXT PHOTO, giving a demonstration at the open house are Trisha Kmon, Amy Ouellette, Christine Bourgeois, Kevin Desroches, and Aimee Blair. IN NEXT PHOTO, Jon Lamothe and Kevin Desroches demonstrate their skills as Trish Kmon and Katie Mulvihill look on. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



# For Your Health



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## Happy Birthday, Chiropractic!

One-hundred years ago this September 19th, in Davenport, Iowa, an event took place that forever transformed what was possible in the field of health care. One man with a stubborn, independent nature and a determination to find answers to his burning questions, with one thrust of his powerful arms created a new healing art.

Dr. D.D. Palmer was a largely self-educated man (as were many in those days) who had spent his resources in a search for an understanding of how people maintained a state of health, and what caused them to be sick. Unsatisfied by the allopathic approach of conventional medicine, he practiced magnetic healing as he searched for a better way.

He collected and studied anatomical specimens, paying particular attention to the spine and nervous system. He began to theorize on the role of spinal misalignments in the causation of disease. In fact, he didn't talk about disease; he spoke of dis-ease, not as a pathological state but as an altered functional state.

He began to believe that when the vertebrae of the spine were pulled, pushed, or knocked out of alignment, they created altered nerve function, causing either too much or not enough nerve energy to flow to the various organs with resulting dis-ease.

It came about that there was a man working as a janitor in the building where Dr. Palmer maintained his practice. This man, Harvey Lillard, suffered from hearing loss as a result of a lifting accident several years prior to his becoming acquainted with Dr. Palmer. He related to Dr. Palmer that while he had been lifting, he felt and heard a loud pop in his upper back and soon after lost much of his hearing.

With Mr. Lillard's permission, Dr. Palmer examined his back and found a large lump to one side of the spine. Using his hands, he performed a thrusting maneuver on the lump, with the result that there was a crunching or popping sound.

Mr. Lillard experienced almost immediate relief of his deafness and was suddenly able to hear the horses' hooves on the cobblestones outside the office windows. This was the first chiropractic adjustment.

While D.D. Palmer is known as the Founder of Chiropractic, B.J. Palmer was the Developer. There were many other schools that sprang up, but under his leadership, Palmer School became the Fountainhead of Chiropractic.

As the practice of chiropractic spread around the world, B.J. and Palmer College led the fight to procure and protect the right of all people to have chiropractic as part of their health care.

Thanks to the courage and perseverance of those who pioneered this new way, those thousands and thousands of believers, and the millions of patients who found benefit in this science and art, chiropractic today is the largest new healing art, and subsequently the Palmer School of Chiropractic was founded in Davenport, Iowa.

SEE CHIROPRACTIC - Page 37...

## Volunteers Honored At Ag. Medical West



ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH, the Agawam Medical West Health Center honored its volunteers who had donated their services within the health center. IN PHOTO ABOVE, Medical West employees Sue Sarnelli and Lori Davies are pictured with volunteers Terri Zarr (left-center) and Marilyn Roy (right-center). Other volunteers recognized include Martha Baez, Melani Meunier, Lucille MacDonald, and Jessica Provost. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Senior Citizens Can Receive Counseling At Providence Hospital

Kay Murphy, a volunteer for SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), will be available, by appointment, on September 25th, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at Providence Hospital. Murphy will provide free information and counseling to seniors regarding Medicare, Medicaid, and Medicare Supplemental Insurance.

SHINE is a health benefits counseling program sponsored by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs in conjunction with local Councils on Aging. This service is provided by volunteer counselors who have had intensive training in the most up-to-date health insurance and benefit option information, and offers seniors access to accurate, unbiased information regarding health insurance and health care options.

SHINE counselors assist elders in understanding their insurance needs, provide health insurance information, inform elders of their rights under Medicare, assess client information and assistance needs, help with claim filings, provide claims advocacy, and make referrals to appropriate agencies.

To schedule an appointment, call Lorelei Ebersold, Providence Hospital Financial Counseling Office, (413) 539-2488.

## Fitness First To Hold Women's Health Forum

The Institute For Human Performance at Fitness First is holding a "Women's Health Forum" on Thursday, September 28th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

There will be three speakers that will cover important women's issues such as breast self-exams, osteoporosis, the benefits of exercise, and how to take charge of your life through delegation to avoid female "burnout."

In addition to the speakers, several businesses will have booths and display information in regards to women's issues and professional growth.

The forum is designed for women of any age and is open to the public. The Fitness First nursery will be available at a small fee for mothers with small children. Pre-registration is recommended (\$3 per person), as seating is limited. Call Fitness First at 786-1460.

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# Health Concerns For Women - Part I

by Barb Vinciguerra, M.S.  
assistant general manager  
Fitness First Health & Fitness Center

Do you know what the leading cause of death is amongst women in the United States? If you said cancer, you're wrong. It is the disease that kills not only more women, but more Americans than any other disease—Cardiovascular Disease (CVD).

If you guessed incorrect, you're not alone. In a recent survey, less than 30 percent of the women who were polled realized that CVD was the leading cause of death for women in our country. CVD has typically been thought of as a man's disease.

Did you also know that lung cancer in women accounts for the most common death from cancer in women. Not only is smoking the major contributor to lung cancer, but women who smoke are 39 times more likely to have a heart attack, and 22 times more likely to have a stroke. Women are four times more likely to suffer from osteoporosis than men. Why? Approximately 33 percent of our population, or 34 million Americans, can be classified as being overfat. Studies have shown that we eat less today than we did years ago, but as a society we continue to gain weight.

Why is this so? Begin overfat carries with it many health concerns, such as risk of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, and certain types of cancer, just to name a few.

How you choose to live your life can contribute to your overall level of health and wellness as we head to the year 2000. What behaviors you choose to engage in today can affect you five, 10, even 20 years from now. In Part II, I will discuss strategies and behaviors that you can implement today, to help get you on your way to a more healthier lifestyle.

Do you want to learn more about how your behaviors can influence your health and well-being? On Thursday, September 28th from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Fitness First will be hosting a special women's health forum. Call 786-1460 for more information.

## “Walk For Leukemia” To Be Held Sept.

The first annual “Ann Marie Sibilia Walk For Leukemia” will be held on Saturday, September 16, 1995, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This event will commence at the Longmeadow Shops, 666-734 Bliss Road, Longmeadow, MA.

The public is cordially invited to participate. For more information, call 567-9487 or 567-1670.



## Your Back And Your Health

by Dr. Joseph  
S. Schlaffer  
Schlaffer  
Chiropractic Offices  
192 Shoemaker Lane  
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## Back-To-School Chiropractic Examinations Are Advised

It is during the developmental years of childhood that serious structural problems of the spine have their beginnings. We see spinal curvatures or scoliosis and other structural distortions beginning due to the seemingly harmless ways that our kids grow up.

Chiropractors have long advocated that children should have their spines examined early in life. More and more parents are introducing their children to the chiropractic method of health care because they know that the growing years are the most important years of a person's life.

Witness your child carrying an armload of his or her schoolbooks daily, and you'll see some of the stress the spine is subject to. You may have seen one of your children falling off a bicycle or “wiping out” on a skateboard. Watch your youngster play football, soccer, wrestling, and gymnastics, and you witness hundreds of jolts and jars to his or her body per season.

You begin to realize that chiropractic care is important in detecting and correcting any imbalances or misalignments of the spine. Before the skeletal/spinal system accommodates itself to these maladies in early childhood, they can be easily and effectively corrected.

Children suffer from a variety of ailments/symptoms which are manifestations of the traumas they sustain. Oftentimes they are treated with medication. Instead, the health problem may be a malfunctioning nervous system.

The doctor of chiropractic corrects the underlying cause, and the symptoms vanish without the need of medications which may have serious, harmful side effects.

Shouldn't your child have a chiropractic examination? Start the new school year off right!

Should additional information be needed, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any member of my office staff at 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, MA 01001, (413) 789-1369 or 789-1073.

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# Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell  
Registered Dietician

## Massachusetts Study Shows Nutrition Services Lower Cholesterol & Save Money

Heart disease is the number one cause of death in Massachusetts. A 1993 report stated that 17,585 people died from heart disease in Massachusetts alone. And the cost of treating heart disease is enormous.

It has been reported that over 80 billion dollars is being spent annually in the United States to treat heart disease. One proven related risk factor is having high cholesterol (over 200 mg/dl). However, it has been recently shown that these soaring medical costs, along with high-cholesterol, can be drastically reduced through effective medical nutrition therapy.

A new study recently released in the September issue of the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association* shows us how significant savings in health care costs can be achieved through the use of nutrition therapy. The Massachusetts Dietetic Association (MDA) implemented a statewide study to determine the costs and benefits of medical nutrition therapy in persons with high cholesterol.

Medical nutrition therapy is the use of specific nutrition services to treat an illness, injury, or condition. It involves the nutrition assessment and treatment of a patient. Treatment prescribed by a registered dietitian may include diet therapy, counseling, or the use of specialized nutrient sup-

plements.

Registered dietitians in the study collected data on 285 patients at 23 sites throughout Massachusetts. Of these patients, 108 patients were men, 177 were women. The average age of these patients was 51 years. Patients on medication to lower their cholesterol were omitted from the study.

The results were impressive. They showed an average drop in cholesterol of 8.6 percent, which translates to a decrease of 17.2 percent in the risk of heart disease. Almost half of the total population showed an 11 percent or greater reduction in cholesterol.

This showed that the more time spent with a dietitian, the greater the reduction in cholesterol levels. "What makes this study unique is that it took place in both large and small hospitals throughout the state, using actual patients in real-life settings," states Elvira Johnson, a registered dietitian and one of the co-authors of the study.

What do these results mean in terms of dollars? Well, in New England, the cost of using drugs to treat patients with high cholesterol is approximately \$1,450 per year. Yet the mean cost per year for nutrition therapy was only \$163 for four visits. Patients who respond well to a low-saturated fat, low-cholesterol diet could save up to \$1,287 per year with nutrition counseling.

The links among diet, cholesterol, and heart disease are well-established. The 1988 Surgeon General's Report on Nutrition and Health stresses the direct relationship between dietary habits and heart disease, high blood pressure, obesity, and diabetes. The National Cholesterol Education Program guidelines also support nutrition intervention as an important step in reducing cholesterol levels.

This study shows that just two or more visits with a dietitian can help lower cholesterol levels at an affordable cost. With the 90's trend moving towards preventive health care and maintenance, medical nutrition therapy must be seen as an effective, low-cost means in the treatment of patients with high cholesterol. We can't afford not to.

## CHIROPRACTIC - from Page 34...

Following this incredible event, Dr. Palmer eventually taught his son, Bartlett Joshua, his drugless, natural healing art in the world.

Against all odds, winning countless small victories along the way, the men and women of this profession, the educators, and the practitioners have held to their beliefs and continued to develop this gift of mankind.

If you are interested in learning more about chiropractic, Dr. Nelson offers a complimentary health care class which answers many questions you may have. Our next scheduled classes will be on Monday, September 18th, at 7:00 p.m., and Wednesday, September 20th, at 1:30 p.m. at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Please call our office at 786-4820 to reserve a space. Dr. Nelson is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the above number.

## Easter Seal Swim Program Starts September 23rd

The Massachusetts Easter Seal Society will open the fall session of its therapeutic swim program for children and adults with disabilities on September 23rd. The program is offered weekly at the Holyoke YMCA from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Easter Seal swim programs are taught and supervised by qualified water safety instructors. Volunteers work with each swimmer.

The program focus is on confidence building, as well as skill development. Instruction is tailored to meet the needs, abilities, and interests of each individual swimmer.

Easter Seals offers swim programs every spring and fall at 35 pools in communities all over Massachusetts. Call the Easter Seal Society office in West Springfield at 734-6434 for information or to volunteer.

## Stroke Support Group At Mercy Hospital On September 25th

The Stroke Support Group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital, will meet Sept. 25th, 7:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center.

The group, which meets the fourth Monday of the month, provides information and fellowship for persons who have had a stroke, their families, and friends.

For more information, call Mollie Braverman, Weldon Center for Rehabilitation, (413) 748-6800.

## Noble Hospital Will Offer A Two-Part CPR Education Program Starting Sept. 20th

Noble Hospital will offer a two-part public education program on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (C.P.R.) on Wednesday, September 20th and 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Noble Hospital Education Department located on the ground

floor of the hospital.

Participants must attend both classes to receive certification. The program is \$30. For further information or to register, call 572-5172.

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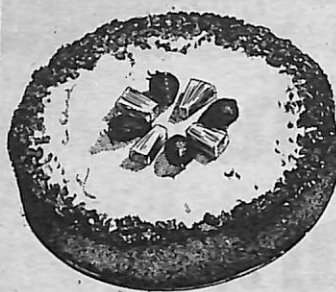
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# Arts

## The Night The Circus Came To Town



ACTUALLY, THE CIRCUS CAME TO THE Agawam Polish Club as Roberts Brothers Three Ring Circus set up for an evening of fun for the over 500 who attended. IN PHOTO LEFT, Kevin Benson and his pal "Lisa" stroll around the grounds of the Polish Club; IN PHOTO RIGHT - some of those who attended included, from left - Andrew Czczot, Taylor Shirly, David Krzmien, Corey Shirly, Tiffany Jantzer, and Shelby Jantzer. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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## At The Circus...



**FOUR YEAR-OLD STEPHANIE SCAZOTO** couldn't wait to attend the performance of the Roberts Brothers Three Ring Circus at the Polish American Club on August 21st. **RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Genealogy Workshop Being Offered By Springfield Museums

The Springfield Museums at the Quadrangle will offer an introductory genealogy workshop on Monday, September 25th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

Genealogist John P. O'Connor will teach participants to use census records, vital records, city directories, passenger lists, naturalization records, and gravestone inscriptions. He will introduce them to microfilm and microfiche, as well as the wealth of materials available in the Museum's Genealogy and Local History Library.

The cost of the workshop will be \$30 (\$25 for members of the Springfield Library & Museums). For additional information, call (413) 739-3871, ext. 377.



by Louis Pisano

## "The Movie Carreyvan"

Fire Marshall Bill Byrnes taught us how to properly set fire things. Jim Carrey's hilarious skits on *In Living Color* as the crazed firefighter gave him his big break. Since those days, Carrey has been wowing audiences with his unique humor and silly wit.

*Ace Ventura: Pet Detective* was Carrey's first feature film role. Ventura was a "pet detective"; someone who's hired to find lost pets. Carrey brings a comical twist to the picture by playing the title character with little seriousness and still creates an intelligent character. The funniest scenes include an impeccable rendition of Captain James T. Kirk; a parody of *The Crying Game*; and a ludicrous, slow-motion stint in an insane asylum. The film's humor content is perfectly lighthearted and proved to be an admirable debut for this talented actor.

Next came the strange film *The Mask*. In it, Carrey plays a banker who stumbles upon an ancient (and magical) mask. When he dons it, he turns into the most hysterical Don Juan "wanna be" ever to hit the silver screen. He's suave, he's debonair, he's charming, and he has a green head! Carrey again is at home in this picture. Remnants of Fire Marshall Bill have periodically popped up in Car-

rey's first film, but much more clearly in *The Mask*. His quick movements, accented by a "swish" sound effect, make the film even funnier. In *The Mask*, Carrey is definitely "S-S-Smokin'!"

Next came *Dumb and Dumber*, in which Carrey played Floyd Christmas, a deadbeat moron who befriends another deadbeat (played by Jeff Daniels). The duo travels to Aspen, Colorado, by car (and moped) to return a briefcase to a beautiful woman. Along the way, they experience many hilarious mishaps, including driving half of the way to Aspen ... in the wrong direction. Certainly a senseless comedy, *Dumb and Dumber* may not appeal to all. But those of you who enjoy true physical humor, *Dumb and Dumber* will have you in stitches. Scenes such as the famous "Mockingbird" performance make the film quite memorable.

Most recently, Carrey appeared in the record-breaking *Batman Forever* as The Riddler. In this film, Carrey had to perform his usual humor with a touch of the manic. Not only did he play a fantastic and fitting role, but he also solidified himself as an actor that's here to stay.

Jim Carrey emerged from utter obscurity to plunge into super stardom. Many consider him a gift to modern-day comedy; others consider him ridiculous. I consider him extremely talented and think that wholesome humor may once again rear its head in the movies. That's okay, though, it's greatly needed. Imagine, clean humor—"All righty, then!"

(WRITER'S POSTSCRIPT: I want to know what you think of "Pisano's Picks ... On Video." Send your comments, suggestions, etc., to me in care of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

## Springfield Museums To Offer Nantucket Basket Course

The Springfield Museums at the Quadrangle are offering a four-session course to teach beginners to make a Nantucket basket. This course will be run on Wednesdays, September 27th through October 18th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum Education Center.

This traditional basket was developed by early settlers on Nantucket Island, a whaling port and Quaker stronghold located 30 miles out to sea. Participants will complete a small (6"), closely-woven rattan basket with a swing handle—the forerunner of the present handbag.

The cost of the course is \$90 (\$80 for members of the Springfield Library & Museums), plus a materials fee. For additional information or to register, call (413) 739-3871, ext. 377.

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## Agawam Poetry...

by Agnes R. Neylon Smith

## Prayers And Wishes For A Peaceful World

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And I'd attempt to enter Heaven, filled with joy and mirth;*

*Try, as I may, I can't reach all of my goals,  
Oh how I wish there were more perceptive souls;  
Eve comes so early, and I'm only half way through,  
I'm fretful and anxious, as to what more can I do;*

*I turn off my lamp, and say my evening prayers,  
Maybe in the morrow, there'll be someone who cares;  
Our Savior keeps me going, in spite of turbulent skies;  
That's why I'd like to go to where the eagle flies;*

*I pray the morn, will bring joy to all the lands,  
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Dancers, bring tap shoes and wear dance clothing for the audition. Applicants must be 16 or older and available for rehearsals and weekend shows through October 29th.

For additional information, call (413) 786-0790. Riverside Park is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Spfld. Library & Museums To Sponsor Trips In September

The Springfield Library & Museums is offering two trips during September ranging from New York's Chinatown to several quintessential Vermont attractions.

A guided bus and walking tour of New York's Lower East Side on **Tuesday, September 19th**, will include a dramatic interpretation of the life of an early immigrant family by a costumed guide at the Lower East Side Tenement Museum. A stroll through Little Italy (as well as a guided tour of Chinatown's architecture and history) will also be featured, and a nine-course dim-sum lunch at one of Chinatown's best restaurants are also included.

Then on **Saturday, September 30th**, the fall foliage will provide the backdrop for a day-long trip to three Vermont sites: the New England Maple Museum, the Marble Museum, and Wilson Castle. The Maple Museum is a replica of a century-old farm sugar house. The Marble Museum boasts over 100 displays and features an open-air Marble Market, the Gallery of Modern Sculpture, and a gift shop. Wilson Castle, a mid-19th century estate set on 115 acres, houses European and Far Eastern antiques, Chinese scrolls, and stained glass windows.

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**POSING BEHIND A STACK OF SKULLS** for Riverside Park's "Halloween Spooktacular" are park staff members Bob Monson and Art Moses. Riverside is seeking dancers and actors for the Halloween season. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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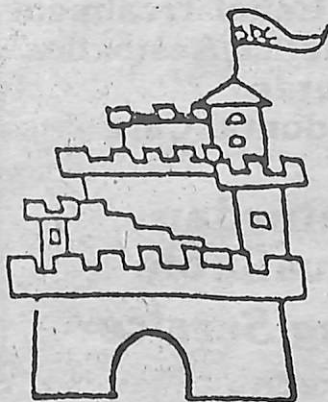
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- 48 Business agreement
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- 57 Sioux Indian
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- 63 Besmirch
- 64 Evil ones
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- 72 God of war
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- 80 Rant
- 81 Favors
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- 84 Scottish uncle
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- 92 "— Wee" Reese
- 93 Atomic weapon for short
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- 98 Tell all (slang)
- 100 Hip bones
- 103 Barren
- 106 "Under — and key"
- 110 "— Haute"

## Agawam Cultural Council Accepting Grant Applications

The Agawam Cultural Council is now accepting applications for individuals and organizations for projects in the 1995-1996 grant cycle. The deadline for the grants is October 16, 1995.

It is required by the Massachusetts Cultural Council that all applications be typed and either postmarked or delivered by the due date.

Applications may be picked up at either the reference desk of the Agawam Public Library or the Agawam Town Hall. Completed applications may be mailed to JoAnne Condon, Chairman, Agawam Cultural Council, 65 Beekman Drive, Agawam, MA 01101 or delivered to the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001.

Local council funds are used to support programs in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences in Massachusetts. This includes the study, pursuit, performance, exhibition and/or enjoyment of cultural activities in the broadest sense. Funds are provided on a reimbursement basis. For more information, call 789-0994.

## MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni

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## Education

# "Friend Of Education Award" Goes To Agawam Chamber Of Commerce

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Each year, the Agawam Education Association honors an individual for their contributions to the school system with its "Friend of Education Award."

This year, the award could more aptly be called the "Friends of Education," as the recipient is not an individual but the entire Agawam Chamber of Commerce.

In announcing the award, AEA President Andrew Bower said the teachers decided to recognize the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce as partners with the public school system. Bower noted the chamber's work with students, especially at Agawam High School.

"Over the years, we have tried to get business to realize that with their help, we will be better able to educate our children so that they will be proud to hire graduates of the Agawam Public Schools," Bower said.

As the chairwoman of the chamber's Business and Education Committee, Rita Ducharme said, "We are honored to have been chosen for this award."

As the Personnel Manager for EBTEC Corporation, Ms. Ducharme is aware of the requirements high school graduates will need to meet the demands of the workplace.

Citing her work on the chamber's Scholarship Committee, the Partners in Education Teacher Mini-Grant Program, and as the community representative on the Junior High School Advisory Council, Ms. Ducharme said, "I have discovered teachers and administrators who are dedicated, enthusiastic, and concerned. Thank you for the fantastic job you are doing educating our children."

On behalf of the chamber's members, Ms. Ducharme pledged, "The Agawam Chamber of Commerce is standing by ready to help and to continue its partnership with the schools."

### Schools Are Reaping Benefits Of Mini-Grants

As chairwoman of the schools' Curriculum Review Committee, An Favreau pointed out, "The school system is still reaping the benefits of the

chamber's mini-grants for teachers, Agawam Partners in Education, and supplies donated for the schools. The chamber members are very interested in the needs of the schools."

Excited about the prospects of working with a newly-formed committee dedicated to increasing the business community's involvement at AHS, Ms. Ducharme said, "We have so many ideas, we're going to have to narrow down our focus."

Joining Deputy Principal Joseph Zablowski and Ms. Ducharme, seven high school teachers are working on plans to implement a shadowing program to bring AHS students into area businesses where they will observe just what employers are looking for in job applicants.

Also, plans are under way to provide a variety of company employee manuals to be used as classroom study aids.

While she had been aware that the school system faced severe budgetary constraints, Ms. Ducharme said her work on the Junior High School Advisory Council was an eye-opener.

"Getting to hear about the problems and see the budget figures was very enlightening for me," Ms. Ducharme said. "I was amazed when I heard what happened to the budget. We have problems in business, but nothing like what the schools have."

He never knows who will receive the "Friend of Education Award" until it's announced, but Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder said, "I've been impressed with their choice every time."

School Committee members Roberta Doering and Scott Macey were also enthusiastic in their praise of the teachers' choice for the award.

"I think it's very positive," Mrs. Doering said. "The chamber has been very supportive, especially with the mini-grants that enable teachers to do things they wouldn't have been able to do otherwise."

Macey agreed, "We've tied into a relationship that's going to be a long-term thing to benefit the school system."

## Back To School Night At Junior High Set For Sept. 25th

Agawam Junior High School principal Kevin C. Littlefield has announced that a "Back-To-School Night" will be conducted for parents on Monday, September 25, 1995, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Parents are advised to meet in the school auditorium at 6:30 p.m., where the evening's format will be explained and directions will be given to homerooms. Then, at 7:00 p.m., parents of seventh and eighth grade students will follow their child's daily schedule and meet with subject teachers in a classroom setting.

Mr. Littlefield suggests that parents bring their child's agenda/planner with them to "Back-To-School Night," since its usage will be reviewed and it contains their child's daily class schedule.

He explains that teacher presentations will highlight exactly what students have been told during their first class meetings. Included will be course expectations, homework, testing, project work, discipline, and attendance.

Mr. Littlefield points out that the brief meeting time will not allow parents to discuss personal aspects of their child's education with teachers. However, conference nights have been scheduled in the near future for that purpose.

## Video Dance Party At Agawam High On Thursday, Sept. 21st

For the first time in many years at Agawam High School, the students are going to have the opportunity to attend a Back-To-School Dance on Thursday, September 21st, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

This dance, sponsored by the newly-formed Interact Student Government, is no ordinary dance. It features a 6,000-watt sound system, tremendous lighting effects, a giant 15-foot video screen (on which music videos are played), and a selection of over 1,000 CDs!

Club President Alred Albano has worked very diligently over the summer to plan this event and hopes that it is a great success. "Students are being deprived of the full high school experience if they fail to or don't have the opportunity to take part in events such as these," says Albano.

Tickets for this extravaganza can be purchased for the nominal fee of just \$5 outside the cafeteria in the lobby during all three lunches until Wednesday, September 20th.

## Jr. High PTO Slates Sept. 18th Meeting

The Agawam Junior High School PTO's first meeting of the 1995-1996 school year will be held on September 18th at 7:30 p.m. in the school's cafeteria.

ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

The PTO is desperately seeking people to co-chair and/or help with its fundraiser. Help is needed on the following dates: September 25th, 27th, 29th and October 2nd and 3rd.

If you can help or need more information, please call Donna Shibley at 786-3888. HOPE TO SEE YOU OR HEAR FROM YOU!

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## Teachers Gather For Annual AEA Meeting



TEACHERS IN THE AGAWAM SCHOOL SYSTEM gathered at the Junior High once again the day before school started for the annual Agawam Education Association meeting. From left - Heather Bourbonnais, Liz Zerra, Phil Tomkiel, Maureen Quinn, and William Quinn. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Agawam High Cheerleaders To Hold Tag Sale For New Year's Parade

A Tag Sale will be held on September 16th and 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 85 Peros Drive to help raise funds to send three Agawam High School varsity cheerleaders to London to participate in "The Lord Mayor of Westminster's New Year's Day Parade for the Queen of England."

The cheerleaders are very proud of the three seniors who competed for and won a spot to participate in this "All Star" event which is sponsored by the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA). In order to bring this spectacular honor to a

reality, they are trying to raise \$2,000 for each girl, which is what it will cost for this awesome opportunity.

Please stop by on Saturday and show your support. AND ... bring your cans and bottles. They would be greatly appreciated.

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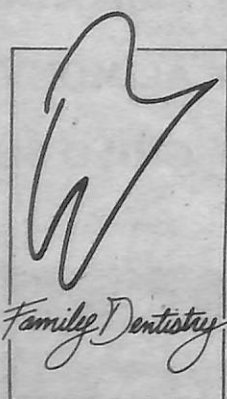
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As part of this pursuit for the coveted rank of Eagle, local Boy Scout Leeon Connor, an active member of Agawam's largest troop, devised, planned, and perfectly executed the construction of picnic tables now on display at the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street.

The picnic tables couldn't have come at a better time as the Turnverein braced itself for the coming of over 100 Cub Scouts and parents from the surrounding communities. Through Leeon's leadership and Troop 78's efforts, these participants of the two weeks of Cub Scout Day Camp held at the Turnverein not only had a place to sit and enjoy lunch, but also a place to hold many activities.

In his four years of Boy Scouting, Leeon has not just been a member of Troop 78, but also has served his troop and Council in many capacities. After working his way through the ranks holding many leadership spots, Leeon served the over 40 boys of Troop 78 as their Senior Patrol Leader.

However, this is not Leeon's only claim to fame. Besides working with his home unit, Leeon has dedicated his time to such Cub Scouting events as Cub Scout Day Camp, Cub Scout Resident Camp, Webelos Woods, and the Yukon Derby. As a valued member of the staff of these big events, Leeon has provided hundreds of area Cub Scouts with a role model to hope and aspire to be.

Most recently, with service project successfully completed and in hand, Leeon finished his four-year quest, completing the last necessary steps to attain the highly coveted award that less than two percent of all Boy Scouts are ever able to achieve, the title "Eagle Scout."

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**ASPIRING EAGLE SCOUT LEEON CONNOR** of Troop 78 leads fellow scouts and coworkers in the placing of picnic tables in their allotted spots. **IN PHOTO BELOW**, Leeon is pictured with his group of volunteers.



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**AGAWAM LIONS CLUB MEMBERS** Raymond Olson (1st vice-president, left) and James Loomis (Sight & Hearing Committee chairman) are pictured with school nurses Mary McEwan, Hilda Bartnik, Pamela Lynch, Catherine Hallaman, and Donna Markowski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Lions Save The Day For Schools With \$2,000 For Updated Medical Supplies

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

He may have retired from his job as the principal of Granger School six years ago, but Jim Loomis hasn't lost his interest in the welfare of Agawam's Public School children.

As chairman of the Agawam Lions Club's Sight and Hearing Committee, Loomis recently delivered updated medical equipment and reference books worth more than \$2,000 to the school nurses.

The school nurses agreed the new equipment would help them deliver services to the students and staff more accurately, efficiently, and with increased safety.

In addition to the new, state-of-the-art stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, and electronic thermometers, the nurses each received a 1995 edition of the "Physicians' Desk Reference" (PDR).

The PDR gives the latest information on the use of prescription drugs, including drug interactions and side effects.

By the third day of school, Middle School Nurse Hilda Bartnik had a medicine cabinet filled with medications, many of which were not listed in her six year-old copy of the PDR.

"The problem is, most of the medications I have to give are not in the outdated manual," Mrs. Bartnik said. "Now I can look up these drugs for possible side effects and we'll know what to expect. This is a godsend. I'm definitely going to feel safer."

Nurse Donna Markowski said the new thermometers will help in her work with elementary school children, especially the kindergartners. "The glass thermometers could be tough on the little kids. They're not used to them and they're already feeling sick and a little afraid when I see them."

Agawam High School Nurse Catherine Hallaman said the new thermometers (with their disposable covers) are not only more up-to-date, but more sanitary as well. Even though glass thermometers were kept in a sterilizing solution, Mrs. Hallaman said the disposables were an improvement, especially with people worried about diseases like hepatitis and AIDS.

### Agawam Lions Club A Unique Chapter

According to Loomis, all Lions are dedicated to maintaining and improving sight and hearing, but the Agawam chapter is unique. All of the sight and hearing equipment used by the town's school nurses has been donated by the club.

"This is one of the ways we spend our funds," Loomis said. "We have given all the sight and hearing equipment in the schools and we're going to update it as soon as necessary so that all our kids are in good shape."

Mrs. Bartnik said it wasn't hard for the nurses to put together their shopping list when Granger School Nurse Joan Malachowski began researching their needs before she retired last year.

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"We have been talking about these (supplies) for years," Mrs. Bartnik said. "But there was never any money in the health budget."

## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, September 18th:** Oven-baked chicken nuggets, dipping sauce, peas & carrots, wheat bread & butter, cinnamon applesauce.

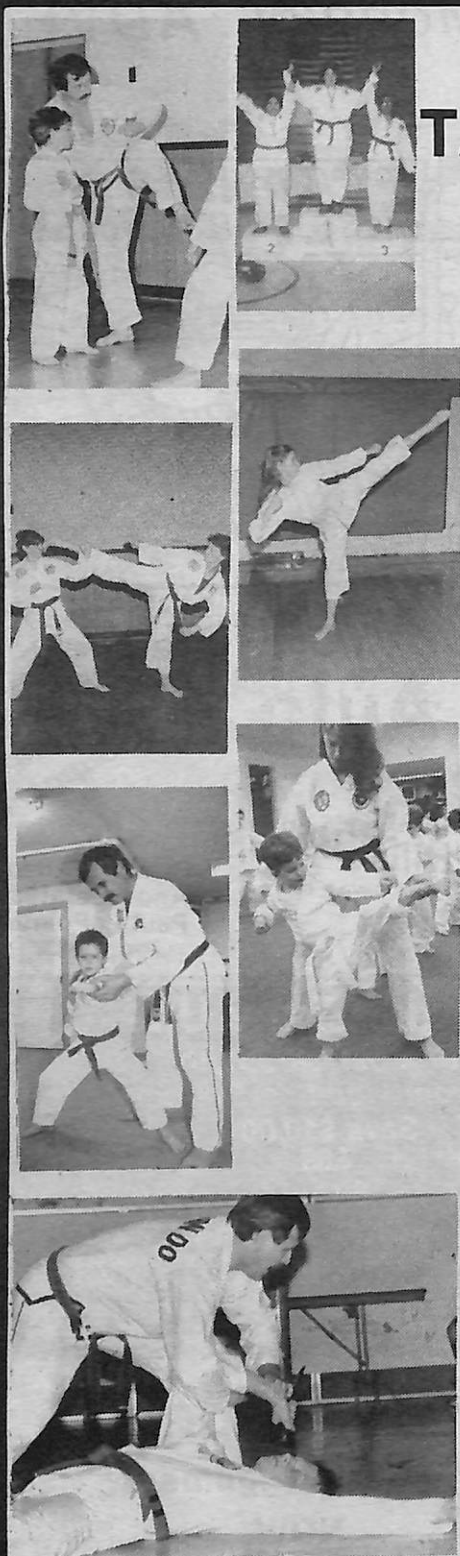
**Tuesday, September 19th:** Rotini with tomato sauce, fresh zucchini & summer squash, Italian bread & butter, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

**Wednesday, September 20th:** Cheeseburg on roll, steamed parsley rice, seasoned broccoli cuts, chocolate cake with icing or fruit cup, milk.

**Thursday, September 21st:** Oven-roasted turkey with gravy, whipped potatoes, baby sweet peas & carrots, dinner roll, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

**Friday, September 22nd:** Grilled cheese sandwich, dilled pickle chips, oven potato puffs with catsup, seasoned green beans, jello with topping, milk.

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BARBARA DOBISE

## Barbara Dobise Graduates From Fitchburg State

Miss Barbara Dobise, daughter of Michael and Lynne Dobise of 43 Parkedge Drive, Feeding Hills, graduated cum laude from Fitchburg State College on May 27, 1995.

Barbara dual majored in Psychology, with a concentration in developmental psychology, and Human Services. She was a member of Psi Chi, the Psychology National Honor Society, and was secretary of the Fitchburg chapter.

Other activities included Phi Omega Psi sorority, in which she was President her senior year, and the Inter Fraternity Sorority Council.

While attending Fitchburg, she was a clinical counselor at Youth Opportunities Upheld, Inc., in Gardner, MA, and a child care worker at the Protestant Youth Center in Baldwinville, MA.

Barbara is a 1991 pro merito graduate of Agawam High School.

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# Sports

Riverside Soccer Classic...

## ASA Basks In Glow Of Huge Labor Day

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Here is a holiday recipe that's hard to beat. Take one part tremendous competition, one part weather that can't be beaten, and one part outstanding organization. Mix them all together. You will come up with a treat even Martha Stewart couldn't match. That's just the way it was over on Labor Day Weekend at the 11th Annual Riverside Soccer Classic, held at various fields around Agawam and attended by over 130 youth soccer clubs from around New England.

Ray Scott, tournament co-director, sat in his golf cart (supplied by Oak Ridge Golf Club) at the Junior High School on Monday, watching some of the championship matches culminating the three-day event. His smile was as bright as the day. "It doesn't get any better than this," he said.

If anyone knows soccer, it's Ray Scott. He's the President of the Agawam Soccer Association. He plays in Agawam's 7 on 7 soccer league. He's a soccer referee. He coaches two teams in the Agawam youth soccer league, and he's an assistant coach on the youth soccer team coached by his wife, Rita.

He also got his wish this year—a championship in the tournament by a team from the Agawam Youth Soccer League. The last time we talked to Ray, he stressed that in his seven years running the tournament, while many Agawam teams went to the finals, none of them came away with the big enchilada. It was accomplished this time around by the Agawam Rowdies in the girls' under 14 division, coached by Denny Marr. They beat the Easton Spirits from Easton, MA, 1-0. "I'm so proud of them. I knew they were good. And they proved it Monday," he said.

He also praised the other Agawam teams that got to the championship round. "We had five clubs get to the semis. Two of them got into the finals. Our best chance was with the under 10 girls (the Agawam Lightning, coached by Scott Skolnick). They lost a tough battle, 1-0, to the Suffolk Soccer Club. It was one of the best played soccer games I've ever seen on any level of this sport."

### Remembrances From 1995 Tournament

Ray has many remembrances from this year's tournament. Some came to him in short order. "I remember going up to Dave Gallerani (Dave's son, Dave Jr., is a promising player for the Agawam freshman team) and telling him he was responsible for the donuts every day of the tournament. He looked at me and said, 'What do you mean?' I replied, just get us donuts in the morning. Remember, we had to get up at 5:00 a.m. to get ready for the day's activities. And every day, before the sun came up, Dave was there with boxes of donuts for the tournament committee. He didn't have to do it. But he loves soccer and the tournament, and he did it."

"I remember coach Fred Doherty of the Easton Terminators, a team in the under 14 division, and a champion in that division at this tournament, saying to me, 'Please, Ray, get an under 16 division here so we can come back again.'"

He also remembered the people at the concession stands, who gave of their time. And he has a story to go with them. "We had hot dogs, sausages, and hamburgers. Some people, who came along, said this is so good, why don't you offer even more? I thought about it and obviously so did the folks up at Burgandy's Restaurant in Westfield who were there for the tournament. They told me that next year, if we wanted them to do it, they'd bring down chicken Teriyaki for us to grill and sell."

But the best memories of this tournament will be with the players and parents. "Some folks came by because they played in this," Ray said. "These parents who learned the skills of the game here, along with talented coaches, are now teaching their kids the game. I believe there are many future soccer stars for this country here. It might be years before we know who they will be, but they are right in front of us right now."

Ray also praised the officials who worked the tournament. "They were complete pros," he said.

And he had a word for the Town of Agawam: "Give us as many fields as you can, and the Riverside Soccer Tournament could host well over 200 teams and quite possibly be the biggest youth soccer tournament in the eastern part of the country."



**THE AGAWAM EXPRESS Under-14 Boys' Soccer Team** was one of the Agawam Soccer Association's entries in the Annual Labor Day Riverside Soccer Classic. The Express finished 3-1-2 and finished fourth in the field and qualified for the Labor Day championship round.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM TIGERS GIRLS UNDER 11 Girls' Soccer team** are pictured in action at the Annual Labor Day Tournament. The Tigers allowed just two goals in four games but still missed the championship round on Labor Day in a very tough field of teams that was eventually won by a Ludlow team that plays in the same Pioneer Valley League. **IN TOP PHOTO**, frontliners Meagan Brown (left) and Kaitlin Sardella battle for the ball; **IN PHOTO BELOW**, goalie Vicky Taylor makes a save on a striker from Natick. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.





## Agawam Rowdies Rule Labor Day Tourney In Girls Under-14

The Agawam Rowdies, an U-14 girls' Pioneer Valley Soccer Team coached by Denny Marr, assisted by Lynn Modzelesky and Jim White, won first place at the recent Labor Day Riverside Classic Soccer Tournament held in Agawam.

The "Rowdies" were the first Agawam team to win this year's tournament. The "Rowdies" won all four games before moving into the semi-finals. On Monday at 7:30 a.m., an early time for players as well as parents, they won the semi-finals, a shutout of 3-0 against the Nashua Starbursts of New Hampshire. On to the finals!

At 11:30 a.m., they faced off against Easton Spirits of Easton, MA and played to a 0-0 tie in regulation time. The "Rowdies" now had only two five-minute overtimes to win the game. The first five-minute overtime proved to be their game. They came in strong, and took advantage right away with a feed to the front line. The score now was 1-0 in favor of the "Rowdies." Now all they had to do was to protect that goal in the second five-minute overtime.

None of the players or fans of the "Rowdies" ever wanted five minutes to go by faster. Finally, the final whistle blew and it was all over. The "Rowdies" did it! All girls went to the center of the field and hugged, high-fived, and screamed for joy! The fans cheered on the victors!

All who watched this game of two very well matched teams were celebrating in their victory. By the way, five years ago, in 1990, these same two teams met in the finals at the Riverside Classic, only to have the Easton Spirits walk away the victors and the "Rowdies" take runner-up. What a great rematch!

Since this was the girls' last chance to win this tournament, not being able to play next year because of their age, it was a most satisfying victory and great way to end their Riverside Classic Tournament attendance.

The Agawam Rowdies' players in the tournament were: Elise Alfano, Sheri Benton, Dianna DiStefano, Jill Gendron, Pam Gervais, Jen Lock, Gina Loudfoot, Jenn Marr, Kerry McGeoghan, Jen Modzelesky, Samantha Mozdzanowski, Erika Serra, Katie Shannon, Shawna Suffriti, Amanda Tilden, and Katie White.

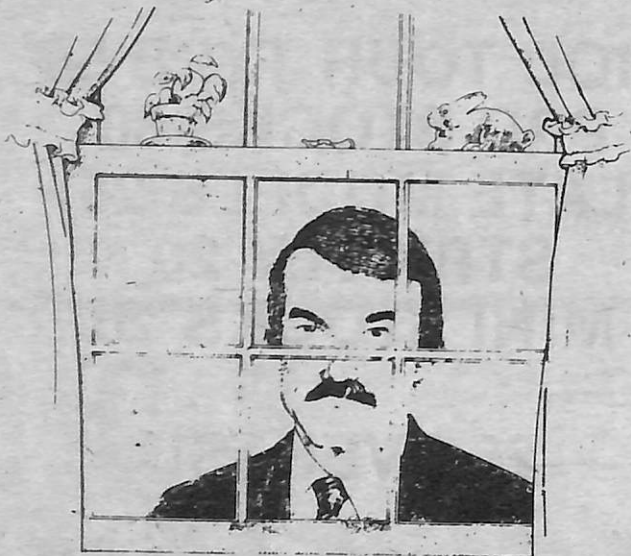
Congratulations, girls, and good luck in your fall season!



**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM ROWDIES UNDER-14 GIRLS' soccer team, champs of the Riverside Labor Day Soccer Classic. Back row, from left - Assistant Coach Jim White, Assistant Coach Lynn Modzelesky, Coach Denny Marr. Second row - Katie White, Elise Alfano, Pam Gervais, Jen Modzelesky, Erika Serra, Dianna DiStefano, Amanda Tilden, Gina Loudfoot, and Jen Lock. Front row - Katie Shannon, Kerry McGeoghan, Jill Gendron, Jenn Marr, Shawna Suffriti, Sheri Benton, and Samantha Mozdzanowski.**

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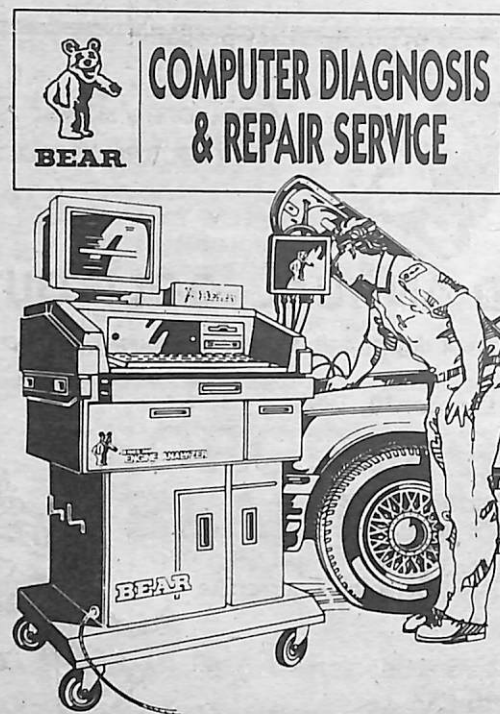
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—By Bill Chiba—

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Hunters were required to apply in pairs and permits were issued based on the last digits of the first hunter listed on the application. If hunter number one was selected, hunter number two automatically received a permit for that segment as well. Winning numbers, as reported to the Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, were licenses ending in the following numbers:

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NEW SALEM-1 (Dec. 4th, 5th, 6th) - 48, 58, 98, 128, 228, 328, 528, 628, 728, 217, 517, 917.

PRESCOTT (Nov. 15th, 16th) - 00, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 190, 490, 590, 790, 45, 955, 355, 055, 855, 255, 455, 555.

PELHAM (Nov. 27th, 28th) - 47, 67, 57, 27, 17, 77, 37, 287, 087, 487.

All successful applicants will receive written notification by mid-September.

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Unlike other programs offered to schools, this program respects parent values. Eddie Eagle does not teach children that guns are good or bad. It merely tells children guns are not toys.

This multi-dimensional program is appealing to kids. Three levels are offered: Pre-K-1; Grades 2-3; and for Grades 4-6.

The program is also offered at a low cost, important in this age of tight school budgets. Schools placing an order for the first time will receive up to 100 free workbooks with stickers for each of the three program's levels. As this program is implemented in more and more schools, we have seen many local sportsmen's clubs indicate their willingness to help with expenses.

Governor William F. Weld has proclaimed October 1st-7th "Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Week." Call 508-393-5333 for more information on bringing this fine program into your schools today.

Hunters and anglers may look forward to a day of celebration on Saturday, September 23rd, officially proclaimed by Governor William F. Weld as "HUNTING & FISHING DAY" in Massachusetts.

Nearly a century ago, hunters and fishermen recognized the need to protect our natural surroundings from the negative effects of an expanding population and a lack of regulatory limits.

In 1994, Massachusetts' 100,762 paid hunting license holders contributed a total of \$1,907, 111 to fund the wildlife conservation, education, and safety programs managed by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife; and the state's 232,591

paid fishing license holders contributed \$3,663,616.

The day is also acknowledged annually by the White House with a Presidential message, with proclamations from hundreds of mayors and other local officials. Country entertainer Louise Mandrell will serve as this year's Honorary Chairwoman.

Future looks "Brighter Than Ever" for the salmon River Fishery located in Oswego County, New York. The river has produced record fish, including the largest chinook salmon and steelhead. Could it be better? You bet!!

As part of an agreement with Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, the DEC has acquired public fishing rights along 12 miles of river, eight parking lots, and three footpaths, and conservation easements along 15 miles of the river and on two islands in the Salmon River Reservoir.

The area around the Salmon River Falls and some 1,600 acres bordering the south side of the reservoir were also acquired by the DEC Niagara Mohawk will provide a "continuous base flow" of water which will allow the development of a summer fishery for trout and Atlantic salmon. These flows will also increase the populations of insects and other invertebrate animals which serve as food for trout.


As a result, additional wild steelhead and salmon reproduction will increase in the main river. Changes in the water flow will be more gradual, reducing stranding or dislodging of small fish and insects.

"Although the FERC license has not yet been granted and base flows have not yet begun, DEC is developing the summer fishery by stocking Skamania steelhead and Atlantic salmon. Adult Skamania steelhead are returning to the river and are providing a brief fishing season already. Brown trout will be stocked once the flows are established," said Wedge.

By far the most important change on the river, however, is that snagging for Pacific salmon is now prohibited.

Governor Pataki recently signed into law a bill which prohibits the taking of Pacific salmon in New York by snatching, eliminating any threat of court directed changes in fishing regulations.

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## AHS Girls' Nipped By Cathedral In Emotional Barnburner

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Sometimes, no matter how good or talented you are, the past comes back to haunt you. Last Friday night, that's exactly what happened to Mary Murray, Agawam High School's new girls' soccer coach. They played Cathedral.

Murray had been the coach there for 14 years. During her tenure with the Panthers, she garnered six Western Mass. crowns and the big enchilada in 1993 when they won the state title. Under Murray's tutelage, Cathedral became a girls' soccer powerhouse in Western Mass.

She was hired to do the same for the Agawam girls' program. She almost started it off against Cathedral, but the past that came back to haunt her was Cathedral's great junior forward, Gina Pantusco. Pantusco, who scored 24 goals last season, rammed in two on that evening, which was good enough for a 2-1 Panther win.

Although many people (including Coach Murray) might say that this was a tremendously emotional game, when the ball was dropped it turned into a grim battle for a victory. Coach Murray is a professional, and like all professionals she is well aware of the fact that being sky high can get you into all kinds of trouble.

Agawam didn't lose the game because they were a cauldron of emotion, nor did Cathedral win because they were the same way. Cathedral won it because at this point in time, they are simply a better team. Coach Murray fully realizes that fact.

Agawam's goal was scored by senior co-captain Courtne Hyland, who's as tough and as gritty on the soccer field as she is as a catcher for Agawam's Western Mass. champion and state finalist girls' softball team. Another standout in the game was junior Melissa Troie, who gets better with every game.

The fact that Agawam played so well, carried the action so many times in the game, and dominated Cathedral at times bodes very well for Agawam girls' soccer.

### AHS Defeats Central, 2-1

The good fight with Cathedral paid off in their next game on Tuesday, September 12th, against Central. The momentum resulted in a 2-1 Brownie victory.

At that point in time, even though they started out very flat against Central, the Brownies knew how good they were. Superstar sophomore Kristen Patterson scored the first goal for Agawam, and it was 1-0 Agawam at the half. Sophomore Amber Conte scored in the second half.

"The highlight of this game," Coach Murray said, "was the play of keeper Troie. Our defense only allowed Central six shots on goal, three in each half. The three stops Melissa made in the second half were as fine as any soccer goalie can make."

Melissa had the help of a very effective defense led by Danielle DiStefano, Carrie Janik, and Kara McDade. It was a total effort, and it brought the Brownie season record to 1-1 at this writing.

## Brownie Boys Still Seeking To Find Groove After Disappointing Loss To Comp

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Last season, Agawam boys' soccer coach Dwight Northrup took time out from practice to talk about his team. As he watched them go through their drills, he said, "This is a very good team." He was right. They were very good. They had stars like sweeper Todd Boskiewicz, midfielder Brian Chechile, midfielder Mike Domingue, and midfielder Jeff Rousseau.

But like most teams as talented as they were, they couldn't really get it together. They had little conception of defense because they were all scorers. They played boot ball.

Boot ball is a terrible thing to even mention to Coach Northrup, or any other good soccer coach, for that matter. The name of the strategy implies the lack of the ability to pass the ball into the other team's defensive zone. So, needless to say, they had trouble last year.

Not so this time around. At this writing, they are 0-1-1. That record doesn't bother Coach Northrup at all. "This team is a blue-collar team, the best club I have ever had," he said, adding, "These kids are young all-around. They are young in the back and young in the 'D.' We will grow in confidence."

He went on to say, "This team is only going to get better. Because on opening day against West Side, we had seven players on this team who had never played a varsity game in their lives. We tied that game one all. We should have won it 4 to 1. For the first time in my three years (as boys' soccer coach at Agawam High School), we scored on the Terriers. And we accomplished this by what we set out to do this year—passing the ball into the opponent's zone. I was very pleased."

## Baywest Hockey Has Sept. 20th Sign-Ups

The Baywest Hockey organization is holding registration for its 1995-1996 mini-mite and learn-to-skate programs. Registration will be held at the West Springfield Town Hall on September 20th at 7:00 p.m.

The cost of the LTS Developmental Hockey program is \$150; \$50 per additional child. The LTS program will run for 20 weeks on Sundays at the Olympia in West Springfield. The mini-mite registration cost is the same and will be run as a travel team.

A one-year pre-registration in LTS is required. Please bring a non-refundable copy of the child's birth certificate and the child's social security number.

For additional information, call Pat Johnson at 733-9243, after 5:00 p.m.

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The lone Agawam goal in the game was by Steve Rovithis on a blast from out front, courtesy of an assist by Chris Chechile. It was a classy play that defines Agawam's new offense this year.

Coach Northrup remarked, "We just couldn't put them away." Then he added, "We're strong from our number-one player down to our 21st guy on the roster. And our bench won't hurt us at all."

### Soccer Players Are Going To Be "Forces"...

He mentioned some kids that are going to be forces this year. They are: junior full-back Chris Bitzas, defender Mike Forastiere, senior midfielder Jeff Rousseau (Jeff was the organizer of the extremely successful Agawam 7 on 7 soccer league this past summer), and, of course, the coach could not leave out one of his finest players, Chris Chechile (the junior forward).

There is a promising newcomer on this team: six-foot, 170-pound sophomore striker Oliver Schoendube. He is an exchange student from Germany. Initially, the coach didn't think Oliver would make the team, but he worked so hard and proved that he had fine talent. He won a job. Oliver scored a goal against Chicopee Comprehensive this season.

Then the coach went on to stress another key aspect that makes up a winning soccer team—the goalies. He feels he has two of the best in Western Massachusetts: senior Jeff Gaylor and sophomore Brian O'Quinn.

"The boys' soccer picture in Western Mass. is wide open this year. Ludlow, as always, is on top. Other than that, anyone can beat anyone."

## Softball Tournament To Benefit W. Mass. Cerebral Palsy Services

The Springfield Coed Softball League will again host the 10th Annual One Pitch Softball Tournament to benefit Cerebral Palsy & Developmental Services of Western Massachusetts. This benefit event will be held on Saturday, September 16th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Mittineague Park (off Route 20) in West Springfield.

"It's a great day for everyone involved, and the League is proud to do its part in helping others in our community," said Rob Paquette, President of the Springfield Coed Softball League.

All money raised from this event will benefit Cerebral Palsy & Developmental Services of Western Massachusetts, a division of Child & Family Services of Pioneer Valley, Inc.

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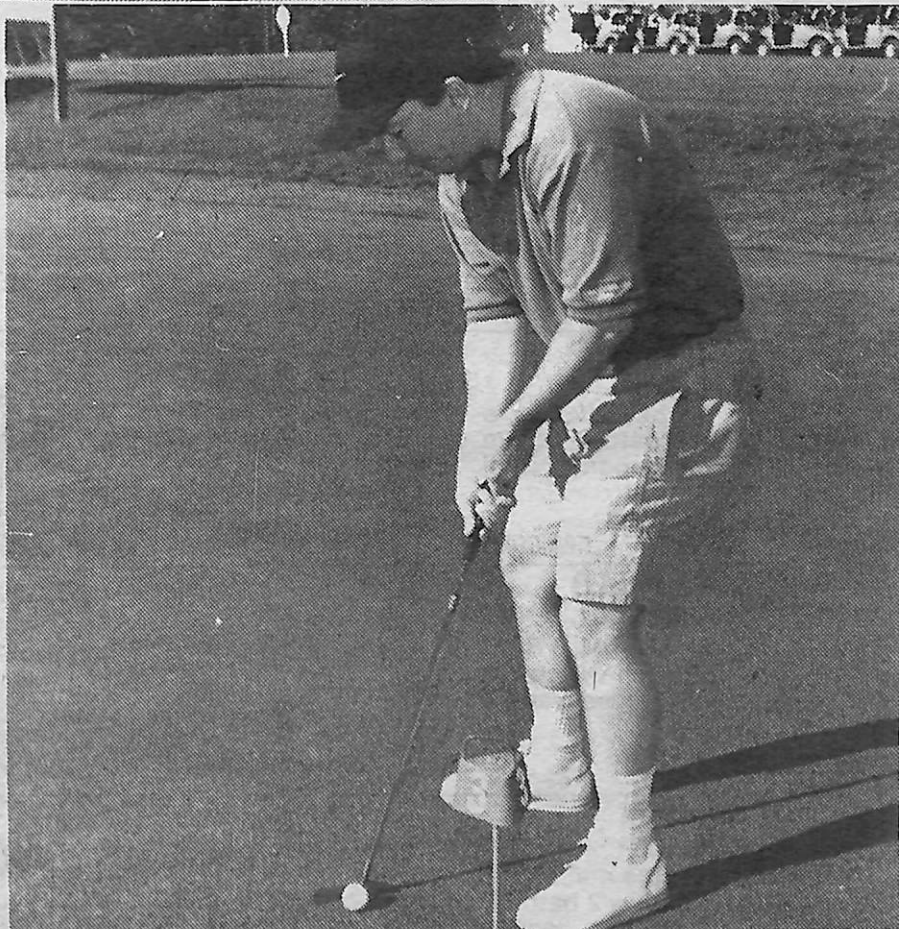




# Tim Sunstrom Golf Tourney A Success!



MEMBERS OF THE WINNING FOURSOME (PHOTO ABOVE) proudly hold their trophies at the Annual Tim Sunstrom Golf Tournament at the Agawam Country Club on August 20th. From left -Ryan Blair, Bill Blair, Jude Prych, and Greg Maynard. IN PHOTO BELOW - Tim Herlihy, Le Maynard, and George Sallcier all served on the tournament committee. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



GARY PAROLINE practices his putting before the start of the Tim Sunstrom Golf Tournament at Agawam Country Club on August 20th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

# Agawam Tigers Finish Summer Hoop Season With Fine 8-4 Mark

After playing three games in as many days, the Agawam Tigers can hold their heads high. After making it to the championship game, they came away with the second-place spot.

On September 5th, Agawam squared off against the Our Lady of Hope Heat. Matching 7-2 records, this was a great way for both teams to end the regular season.

The Tigers moved ahead quickly, scoring the first eight points. The Heat soon ignited, scoring 12 straight points, giving them an 18-16 lead. Again Agawam poured it on, regaining the lead, 23-20, at half-time.

The Tigers were confident going into the second half, since they have always outscored their opponents in this part of the game. However, the Heat was not going to let it happen again. They quickly took the lead, and held on to it for the remainder of the game.

Leading the Tigers were A.J. Martucci and Joe Rosinski, with 14 and 10 points respectively, but it was not enough to overcome the final score of 50-42.

Agawam's record carried them into a semi-final match against the State Line Snackers. State Line had beaten the Tigers once before, but they were determined to face the Our Lady of Hope Heat in the final game.

Mike Thomas, Travis Reed, and the rest of the defense worked hard to hold the Snackers to only two first-half baskets. The score at half-time was tied at eight.

Agawam's offense stepped to the forefront in the second half, scoring 19 points. Rosinski contributed 10 points, while Martucci added nine plus the amazing 14 rebounds he pulled down.

The final score was 27-23, and Agawam was on to the championship game.

This season's championship game will truly be remembered as a classic. In front of a packed gym at Duggan Middle School, the Agawam Tigers and the Our Lady of Hope Heat put on a tremendous show.

The lead went back and forth frequently, with Agawam grasping a slim 21-19 lead at the half. As the second half started, both teams were determined to end the game in a big way. However, neither team could overcome the other. Tigers were shooting from all angles; some hitting, some missing. As regulation time ended, the score was tied at 33. No one would subside.

As the three-minute overtime clock began to tick, both teams mustered up all the reserve energy they had to try to win this hard-fought game. With approximately 30 seconds remaining, the Tigers had a chance to win, but two shots failed to reach.

The Heat finally pulled out on top of a 36-35 score. Foul shots hurt the Tigers, as they only shot five out of 20 attempts. Martucci led the team with 17 points, and Lou Conte, Jr. added 11.

It was a thrilling way to end the year, and it was too bad that one team had to lose.

Agawam's final season record was 8-4. Coaches Thomas and Reed would like to thank the team for a great season: A.J. Martucci, Adam Ellsworth, Mike Thomas, Travis Reed, Joe Rosinski, Lou Conte, Jr., Shawn Mercadante, Brian Forsman, and Wes Scott.



GETTING READY FOR THE TIM SUNTROM GOLF TOURNAMENT at Agawam Country Club are Bob Boulrice, Bill Brutnell, and John J. Martin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



## Men's Volleyball League Is Under Way This Fall

The Agawam Park and Recreation Department's men's fall volleyball season started with a fine display of local talent. It featured exciting play from **Olympic Fasteners**, a newly-formed, high-energy team that gets stronger with each match. By the end of the first week, they'd won their first match and took a game from a team that had previously beaten them 3-0.

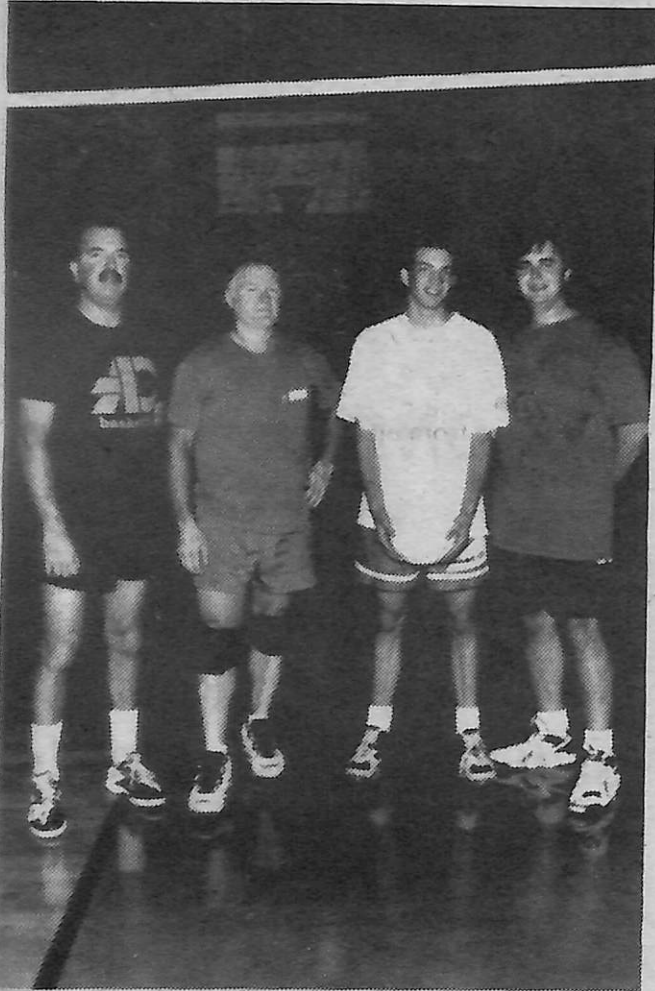
**Lightning Spike** opened with tough matches using only four rostered players. They have a strong nucleus and are bolstering their roster for more depth. They are youthful and experienced.

The **Spartans** are the most all-around experienced team in the league. Most of them have played together for three years, and it shows. They are a blend of youth and seasoned veterans who can do it all with a balanced offense and solid defense.

**E Z Riders** opened strong, winning three of their first four matches. Their first night was highlighted by the serving of Fred Trimboli, blocking of John Godfrey, and consistent offense and defense by Andy Niemiec. This team handed the Spartans their only game loss of the young season. With Steve Gonyea setting Terry Brouillette and Bruno Perrotta, their offense is always a threat. Their third match victory was a team effort led by Larry Freeman's seven service aces.



**MEMBERS OF OLYMPIC FASTENERS** in the Agawam Men's Volleyball League. From left - Scott Acosta, Shane Gadreault, Joe Reuling, Mario Zazzaro, Ruben Arbelaez, Joe Pieciak, and Rocky Woods. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

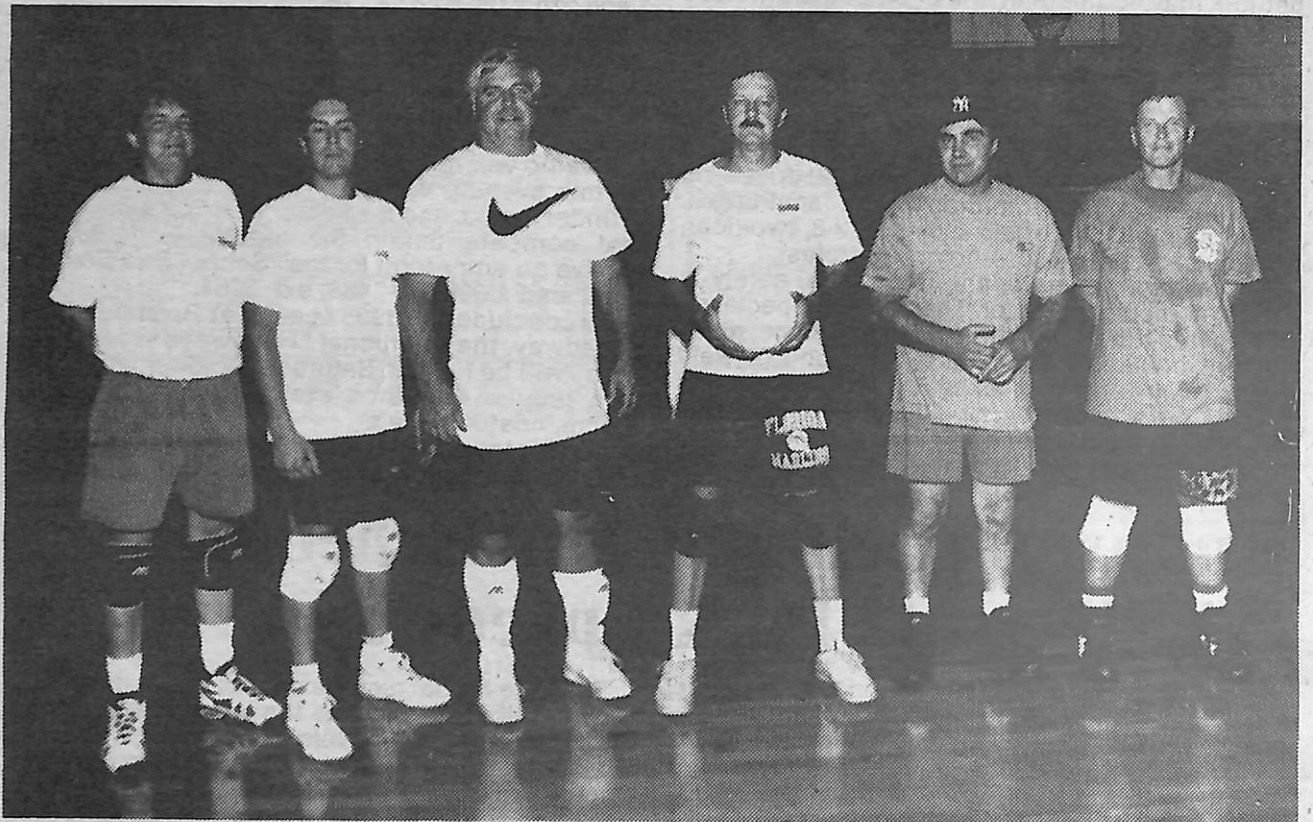


**MEMBERS OF THE SPARTANS** in the Agawam Men's Volleyball League. From left -Mark Langevin, Bob Walters, Mark Thomas, and Mike McCormick. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

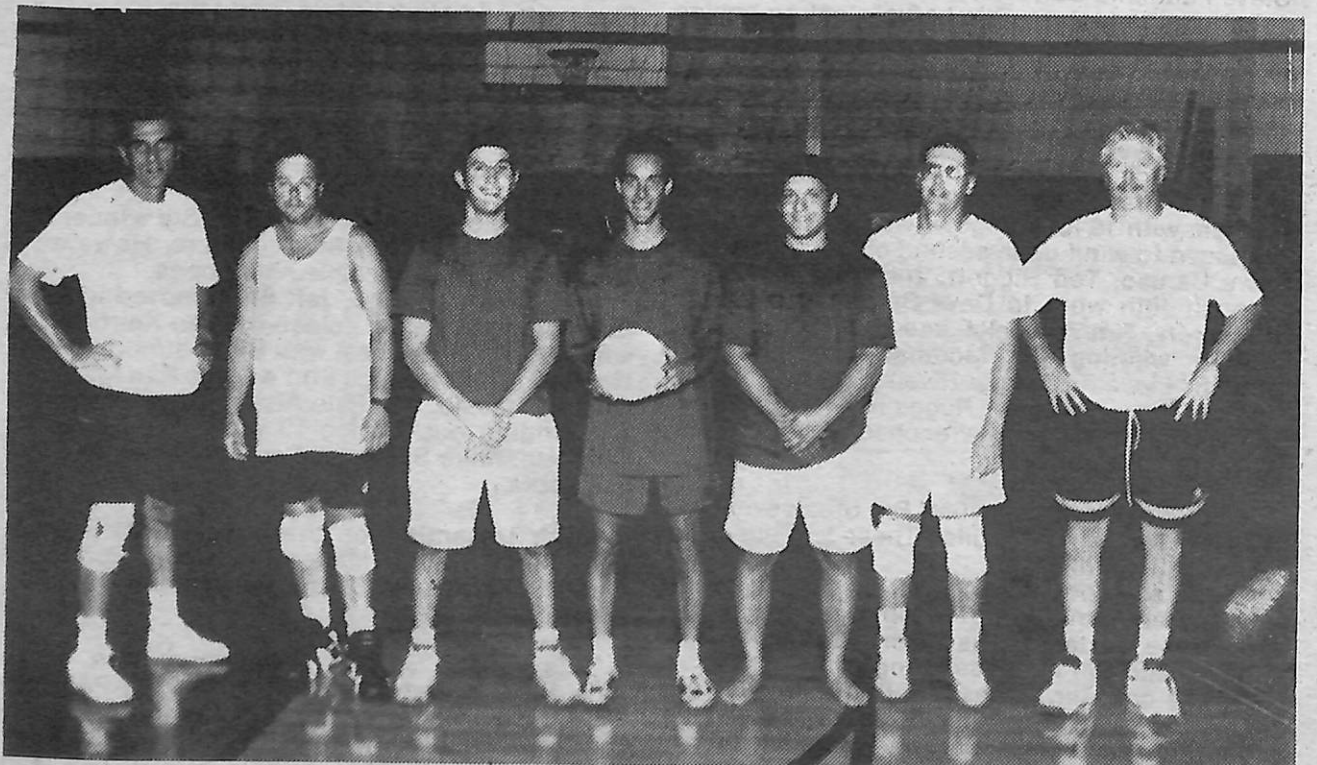
## Park & Rec's Men's Volleyball Standings

TEAMS	MATCH RECORD	TEAM POINTS
Spartans	4-0	11
E Z Riders	3-1	9
Olympic Fasteners	1-3	3
Lightning Spike	0-4	1

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**MEMBERS OF THE EASY RIDERS** in the Agawam Men's Volleyball League. From left -Terry Brouillette, Jr., Bruno F. Parrotta, Larry Freeman, Andrew Niemiec, Fred Trimboli, and Steve Gonyea. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**MEMBERS OF THE LIGHTNING SPIKES** in the Agawam Men's Volleyball League. From left - Jeff Carmody, Tim Crough, Jeff Pavelcsyk, Angelo Pananas, Joe Willis, John Pavelcsyk, and Wayne Hearn. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



# RACING AT Riverside Speedway

## Ruggiero Takes 4th Modified Race In September 9th Riverside Race

Think about it—what would you do with \$5,000 or \$1,000? Your chance of winning the lottery is one in a million. Yet, at Riverside Park Speedway, your chances are better than one in 100 for such events at the \$5,000-to-win Saturday, September 23rd Enduro and the Saturday, October 14th "School Bus Demolition."

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Riverside Speedway hosts some of the most exciting thrill-show endurance events in the country. For the amateur driver, these events allow anyone to race inexpensively and win cash. The "Marathon Madness" events at Riverside offer a ton of variety in different levels of racing; competitors may compete in one or all of the different classes, and all classes pay cash money (plus trophies) to win.

Different classes of Enduros include the full-size Enduro (any full- or mid-size car, two- or four-door, six-cylinder, or V-8 engine—no wagons); the four-cylinder Enduro (any foreign or American four-cylinder car, front- or rear-wheel drive—no wagons); and the Demolition Derby (anything ... mid-size, four-cylinder, six-cylinder, V-8, two-door, four-door, wagons, etc.—no convertibles).

The rules are simple, and (of course) safety is the most important factor. There are no special requirements other than removing all chrome, glass (except the windshield), lights, etc.; bolt or weld doors, remove interior (except driver's seat), and pad the driver's area. And, please remember that seatbelts and harnesses will be checked.

Don't move gas tanks or the battery; be sure to secure these and cover for safety. Full-size and

four-cylinder Enduro cars must have a simple, basic hoop roll bar; however, Demo cars are not required to have any extra bars.

Endurance events are run rain or shine. Besides the Enduro competition, "real" race divisions will be on hand, including the Pro 4 Mods, Super Stocks, Strictly Stocks, Mini Stocks, Legends, and half-ton trucks.

The next Enduro at Riverside Park Speedway is scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd—the \$5,000-to-win "Megabucks" Enduro! In addition to this full-size Enduro event, there will be a four-cylinder Enduro, as well as the Super Stocks, Strictly Stocks, Mini Stocks, Legends, half-ton trucks, police cars, and much more. A special advance entry is required; to enter, call 1-800-370-7488 (Star 4 - Race Department).

On Saturday, October 14th, the second annual "School Bus Demolition" will take place (this event was a sell-out the last time). Anyone with a full-size school bus that enters in advance will be paid \$100 on race day, and the last bus running in the Demo will receive \$1,000 to win. Also on hand on this evening will be a regular Enduro, a four-cylinder Demo, and the same "real" race divisions that compete during the regular Enduros. To receive an entry form for the "School Bus Demolition," call 1-800-370-7488, ext. 3264.

To conclude the 1995 season at Riverside Park Speedway, the traditional "Halloween Howler Enduro" will be held on Saturday, October 28th. This is a regular Marathon event with a Halloween theme, costumes, etc.

For further information on these upcoming events, contact the speedway at (413) 786-9300.

## Enduros Highlight Fall Schedule At Riverside Park Speedway

There was a harvest full moon on Saturday, September 9th, and that meant only one thing—the racers were "unplugged" for the next-to-last point race of the 1995 season at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, MA.

The Budweiser/ACME Auto supply event drew a moderate crowd of fans. Dave Gallo started on the pole in the Modified feature to lead for eight laps. Ted Riggott then came from fifth to take the lead.

Riggott was starting to pull away when Scott Walker broke a rear hub. The restart moved Reggie Ruggiero in to challenge with Dave Berube, Steve Park, and Dan Avery.

Late in the feature, Eric LeClair lost an engine, as the leaders spun in his oil after the caution. Once back to green, Ruggiero took the lead just past the halfway mark and kept it all the way to the checker to earn his fourth victory of the 1995 season at Riverside; however, it must be noted that Riggott made a most valiant effort to fight his way back into first place.

Then, with 10 laps to go, it was Steve Park who managed to wind up in second place, followed by Dave Caruso, Ted Riggott, and Ed Spiers. Sixth through 10th went to Dave Berube, Dave Gallo, Dan Avery, Tim Zambella, and Brian Schofield.

After winning the Modified race, Ruggiero stated, "I love running at Riverside. This is home, and these are my fans." Ruggiero's last win came in June, with the Pelly-wrenched, Gary's Texaco Cavalier.

Jim Bainfield won his first Pro Stock event by a bumper over Bennett Fuller. These two put on the show of the night.

Bainfield drove the race of his career, as Lee Hinkley led from the start to lap two. The only caution came on lap 17, as Kevin Czarnecki, Scott Bouley, and Bill Lauridsen tangled.

At the checker, it was Jim Bainfield over Bennett Fuller. Third was Mike Duquette, followed by Tom Carey and Dave Caruso. Rounding out the top 10 were Barry Gray, Tom Fearn, Jeff Horn, Lou Prior, and Ed Carroll.

"This is great. I owe this win to my family, my uncle, my sponsors Benjamin Moore Paint-Beamers, and to my wife," said a deserving Bainfield, who added, "Two weeks ago, we almost gave up; tonight, we won!"

## Berkshire Power Plans Golf Tourney For AHS Athletic Dept.

The Agawam High School Athletic Department will conduct the first of three fundraisers this year on Saturday, October 14th.

Sponsored by Berkshire Power, a golf tournament will be held at the Agawam Country Club beginning with a scramble shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for closest to the pin and longest drive.

The tournament will be followed by a cookout and raffle at the V.F.W. Post on South Street. Cost for this event is \$40, which includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, prizes, and the cookout. Those wishing to attend the cookout only will be charged \$10.

The Athletic Department is seeking raffle prizes and hole sponsors. Hole sponsorships are \$50. Any donations for the raffle may be dropped off to the Director of Athletics' office or the main office of the High School any day. Entry forms and sponsor sheets for the tournament may be picked up at these two locations as well as at the Berkshire Power office located on Main Street.

Both should be submitted by September 29th.

All proceeds from this tournament will go directly into the Athletic Department account which was cut this school year. To avoid a "user's fee" for student athletes, it was agreed upon by coaches, booster clubs, and the Athletic Department to try to raise the shortfall instead of initiating the fee.

Your support of this fundraiser is necessary and would be greatly appreciated.

## Women's Fall Softball League Being Formed

A women's fall softball league is being formed in the Agawam area. Games are scheduled to be played at Shea's Field on Sundays.

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The Late Model race was a zoo; to put it another way, the division that has the least problems had the most problems on this evening!

Mark LaJoie took the lead on the start, as Jake Dupuis led until lap nine. Then, after three cautions for spins, Brian Merchant marched to the front.

Merchant was real strong and drove a great race to secure his second win of the 1995 season at the Agawam quarter-mile facility. Second place was earned by Fred LaForge, who was an alternate car starting last. Third went to a consistent Rocco Mazziotto, and fourth and fifth were Ted Chalmers and Mark LaJoie, respectively.

Sixth through 10th were Chuck Docherty, Todd Owens, Rob Valerio, Matt Bushior, and Gee Perry.

"It's my second win. My wife got left out this time, so this one is for her. This is a family race team. I want to thank Brad's Snap-On and the Chicken Queen," said a happy Brian Merchant.

Pete Aiello almost became the 23rd winner this season in the Strictly Stock feature. However, a late-race caution cancelled his hopes.

With five laps to go, Jeff Baral moved into the lead for good. Second place went to Keith Miller, who ran wheel-to-wheel with Baral during the last two laps. Third through fifth went to Ken Marques, Chuck Allesio, and Pete Aiello.

Rounding out the top 10 were Tom Dileo, Ed Charette, Mike Salmond, Scott Neleber, and Joe Kokoszka.

Keith Desantis won the Super Stock feature over Mark LaJoie. Meanwhile, Jose Rodriguez came in third over Shane Peele and Mark Freniane.

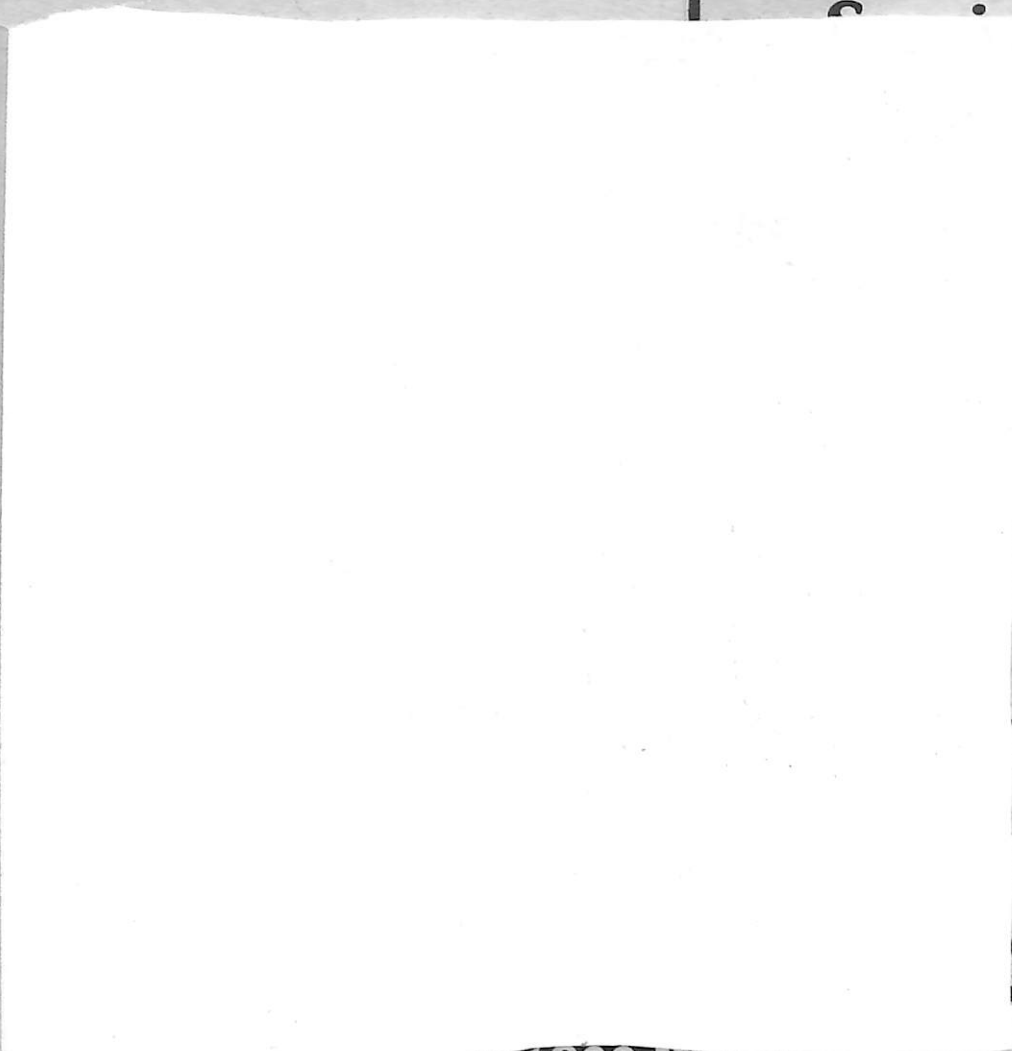
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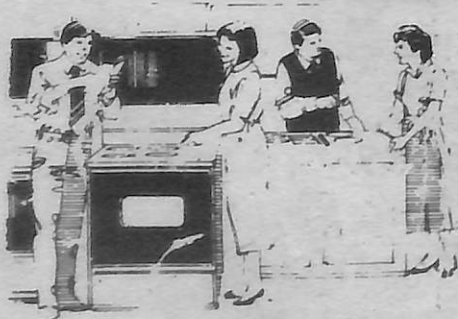
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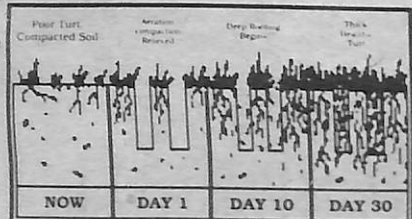
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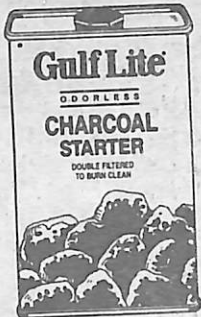
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